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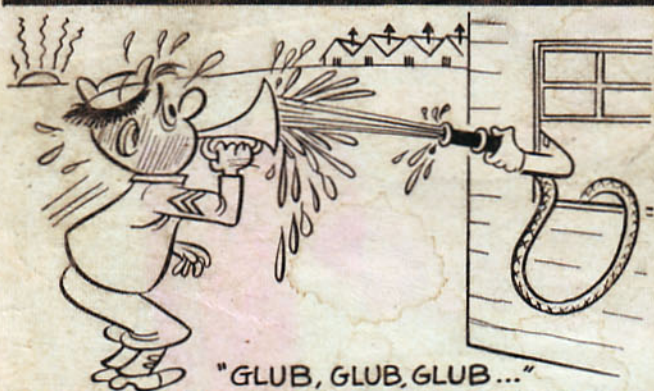
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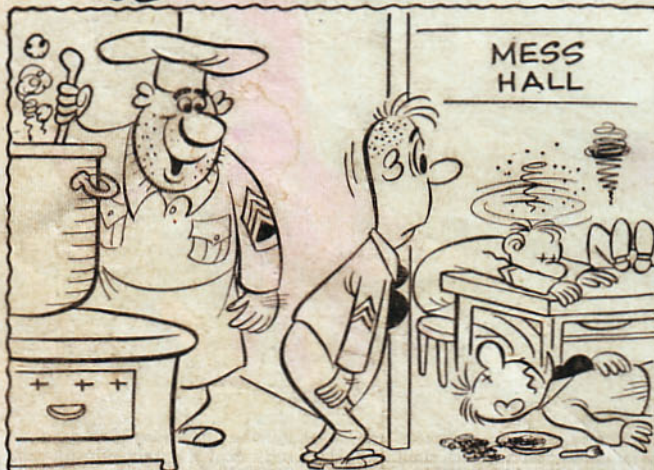
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"GESUNDHEIT!"

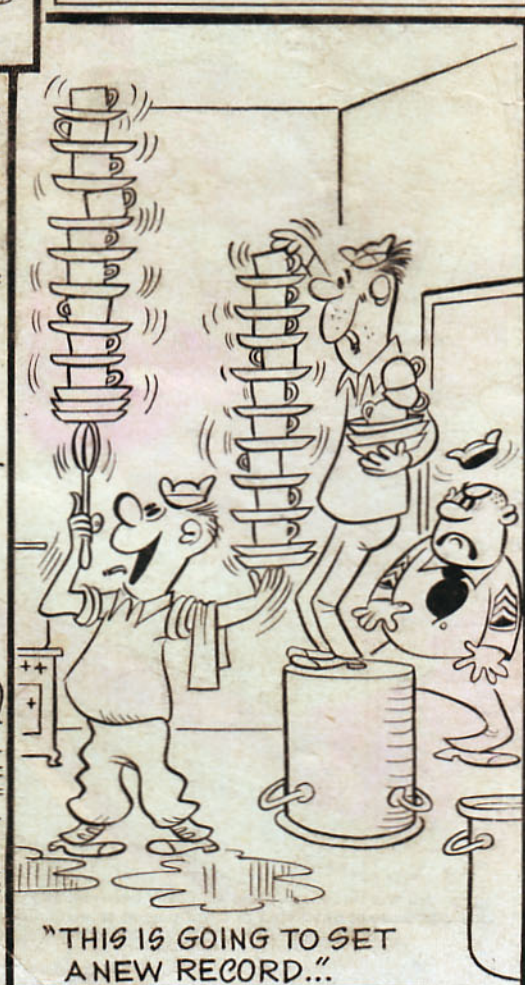


"GLUB, GLUB, GLUB..."



MESS
HALL

"MY COOKING MUST BE IMPROVING... THEY
HAVEN'T SAID A SINGLE WORD!"

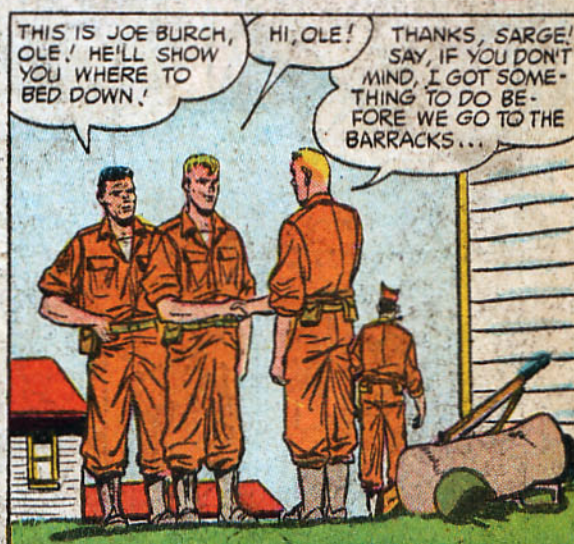
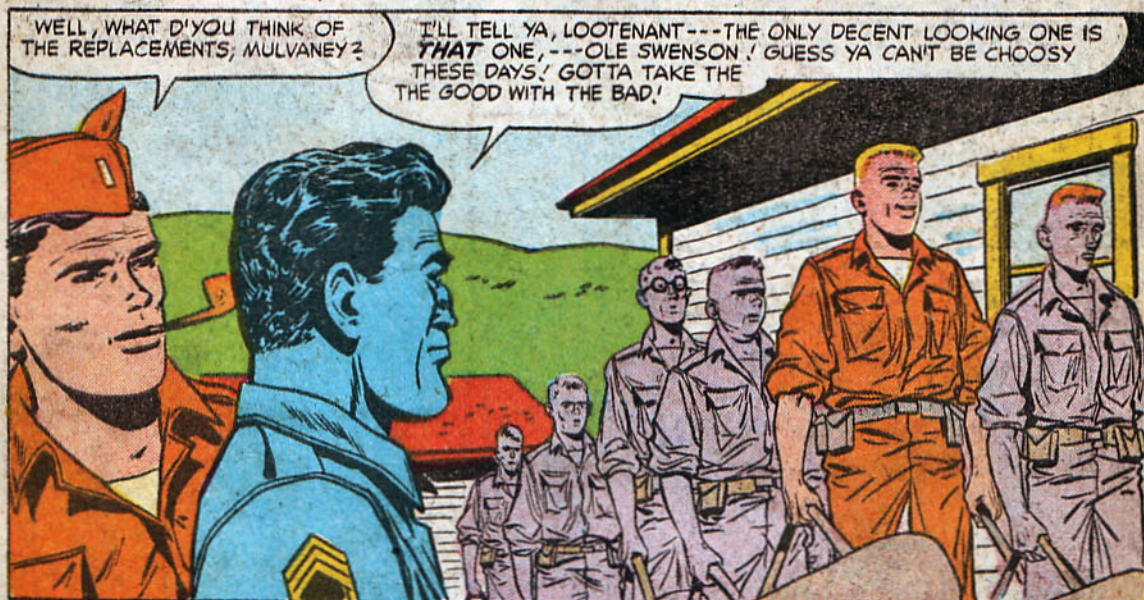


"THIS IS GOING TO SET
A NEW RECORD..."

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in

Swenson's Menagerie



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I GOTTA TAKE CARE
OF HELGA FIRST!
HERE'S HER SAUCER...

HELGA?
WHO'S
THAT?



HELGA IS NAMED AFTER MY
GIRL IN MINNESOTA... NOW
THE MILK--



--AND NOW, HELGA!



--AND **THIS** IS THE GUY I THOUGHT
WOULD MAKE A SOLDIER! A FARM
BOY WITH **PETS**! GET RID OF HER,
SWENSON!!

TAKE IT EASY,
SARGE! C'MON, OLE
I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE
YOU BUNK!



I DON'T KNOW WHY THE
SARGE GOT SO **SORE**!
I CAN'T HELP IT IF
ANIMALS **LIKE** ME!

DON'T WORRY.
ABOUT MULVANEY!
HE BLOWS OFF
STEAM-- BUT HE'S
A GOOD GUY AT
HEART!

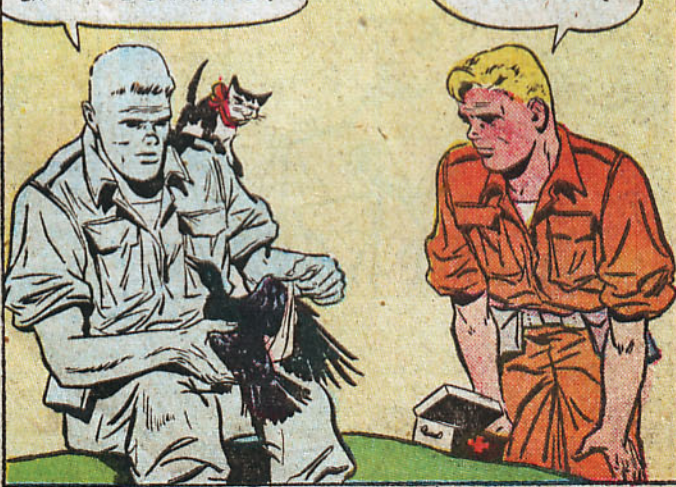


HEY, JOE -- LOOK! ITS WING IS
BROKEN! I'D BETTER TAKE CARE
OF THAT RIGHT AWAY!



THERE, IT'LL BE GOOD AS NEW SOON!
YOU SEE LIKE I SAID -- THEY **COME**
TO ME! SAY, JOE, CAN I KEEP
'EM IN THE BARRACKS?

GEE, I DUNNO!
JUST BE SURE
MULVANEY DOESN'T
SEE THEM!



THE NEXT DAY, WHEN MULVANEY INSPECTS THE BARRACKS...

HEY!!! WHAT DO YA THINK THIS IS--A MENAGERIE? GET RID OF THOSE THINGS---AN' MAKE IT FAST!

BUT SARGE--HE'S GOT A BROKEN WING!



I DON'T CARE IF HE'S GOT A BUSTED ANKLE-- HE'S GOTTA GO! BETTER YET-- WE'RE GOIN' TO THE LOOTENANT WITH THIS, RIGHT NOW!

IT'S ONLY A LITTLE PUP, SARGE! POOR THING!

SWENSON! NOW WHAT ARE YA DOIN'?



DOGS! CATS! CROWS! HE'S GONNA DRIVE ME NUTS! I'LL SEE LOOTENANT PARKER MYSELF!

AIN'T YOU GOING TOO FAR, SWENSON?

WHAT CAN I DO, JOE, LET THE PUP STARVE?

GO AHEAD--EAT!-- HEY! KNOW WHAT I'M GONNA CALL HIM? LITTLE JOE-- AFTER YOU!



LATER, AS SWENSON SITS SURROUNDED BY HIS PETS, DIRK DACKENSEN, ONE OF THE NEW REPLACEMENTS, ENTERS...

HAW HAW HAW! LOOKA THAT DOPE! HE THINKS HE'S BACK ON THE FARM!

YEAH, DACKENSEN-- BACK ON THE FARM!



SO YOU'RE THE GUY MULVANEY WAS BOASTIN' ABOUT! WHAT'S THE MATTER, YOKEL? YOU MISS MAW'S APRON STRINGS?

YAH! I GUESS I DO MISS MAW! ALSO HELGA!



GET OUTTA MY WAY, YA FILTHY FLEABAG!!!

HEY!



YOU LET MY PETS ALONE--
DO YOU HEAR?



YOU AIN'T HEARD
THE LAST OF THIS,
SWENSON!

C'MON, DACKENSEN--
THE GUY'S BUILT LIKE
A HORSE!



THAT **DOES** IT, SWENSON!
FIGHTIN' IN THE BARRACKS!
YOU'RE COMIN' WITH ME!

NOW LISTEN,
MULVANEY...



JUST WHO I WANTED
TO SEE, LOOTENANT,
THIS GUY HERE--

NEVER MIND, SERGEANT!
I JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM
HEADQUARTERS! WE'RE START-
ING OUR MANEUVERS IMMEDI-
ATELY!



AND SO THE NEXT DAY, THE "BLUE" ARMY
DIGS IN...

YOU SURE
HAD A CLOSE CALL, OLE!
SAY... WHAT'S THAT
LITTLE FOXHOLE
FOR?

IT'S FOR MY
PETS, JOE--
BUT, GOSH!
DON'T EVER LET
MULVANEY--



SWENSON! I THOUGHT I TOLD
YOU TO LEAVE YOUR PETS **BEHIND!**
DACKENSEN-- TAKE THIS MAN TO THE
CP! I'M GONNA PRESS CHARGES
AGAINST HIM!

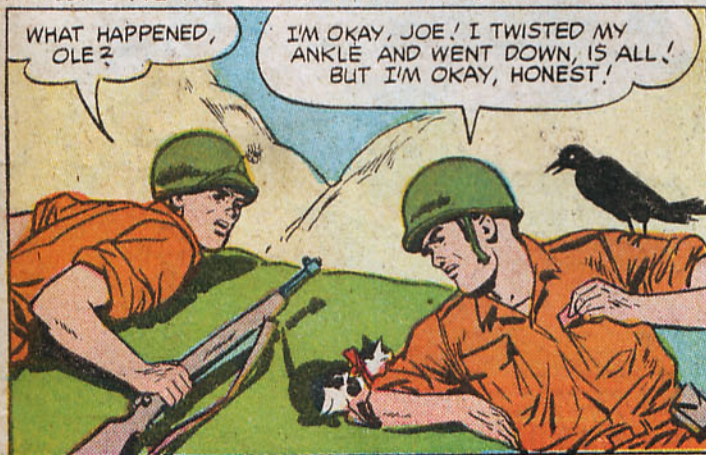
YOU BET,
SARGE!



AT THAT MOMENT, THE "WHITE" ARMY ATTACKS AND CATCHES THE "BLUES" BY SURPRISE...



BUT THESE BATTLE-HARDENED VETERANS HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN WHAT THEY LEARNED DURING THE BITTER FIGHTING OF THE KOREAN WAR, AND EVEN THOUGH THE MANEUVERS ARE FOR "FUN" SO TO SPEAK, THEY PUT UP A BITTER STRUGGLE AND FINALLY DRIVE THE "WHITE" ARMY ATTACKERS BACK...



WHAT HAPPENED, OLE?

I'M OKAY, JOE! I TWISTED MY ANKLE AND WENT DOWN, IS ALL! BUT I'M OKAY, HONEST!

HEY! LITTLE JOE IS GONE! THEY TOOK MY PUP! THEY TOOK HIM!

NOW WHAT WOULD THEY WANT WITH A FLEABAG? HE PROBABLY RAN OFF WITH HIS TAIL BETWEEN HIS LEGS WHEN HE HEARD THE FIRST GUN SHOT!

THAT WAS FINE WORK, MULVANEY! CAPTAIN KING AND I WATCHED FROM OUR OBSERVATION POST! YOUR BOYS HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ANYTHING!

I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE, SIR! THEY TOOK MY PUP! I WANT HIM BACK!

FOR SOME REASON, LOOTENANT, SWENSON SEEMS TO THINK THAT THE BOYS IN THE "WHITE" ARMY TOOK HIS DOG! HE WANTS A GO LOOK FOR HIM!

OUT OF THE QUESTION! MILITARY MANEUVERS ARE SERIOUS, SWENSON! BACK TO YOUR POST!

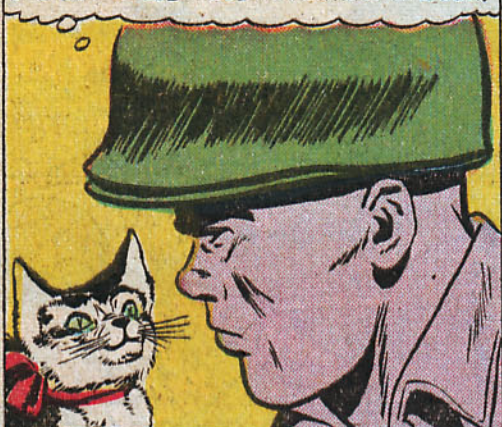
I AIN'T GOIN' JOE! I'M GONNA LOOK FOR MY DOG!

THE LOOTENANT'S RIGHT, OLE! THESE MANEUVERS ARE SERIOUS! THIS IS THE TRUE TEST OF A MAN, I GUESS, WHEN HE CAN FORGET HIS OWN PROBLEMS AND BECOME PART OF A TEAM, NO MATTER WHETHER IT'S FOR REAL OR NOT! THIS IS THE WAY IT WAS DURING THE WAR AN' IT'S NO DIFFERENT NOW!



ALONE, TORN BETWEEN LOVE AND DUTY,
SWENSON MAKES A DECISION...

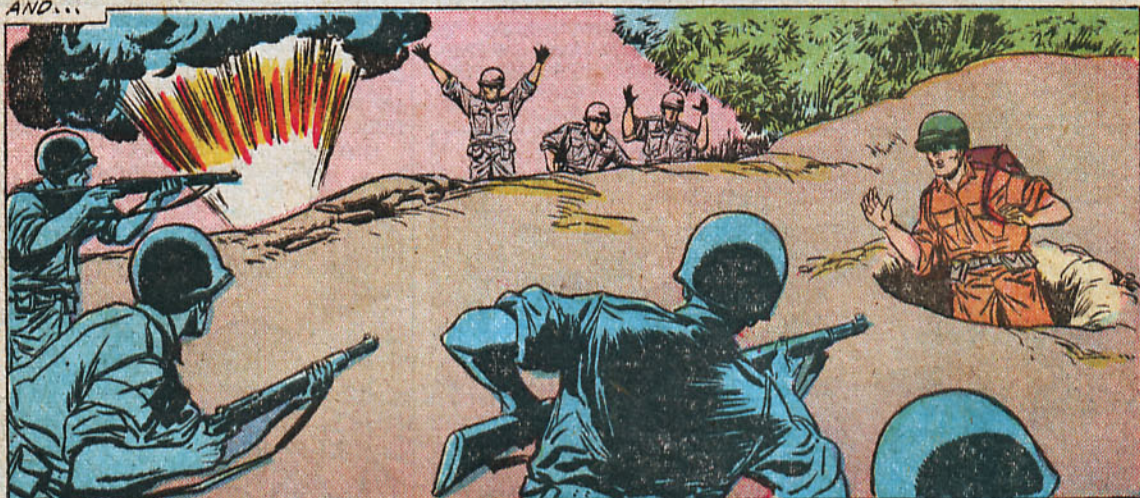
JOE'S RIGHT! AS MUCH AS IT HURTS ME,
I'VE GOT TO SEE THESE MANEUVERS THROUGH!



THE "WHITE" ARMY WILL NEVER EXPECT US TO ATTACK
THEM SO SOON AFTER THEY HIT US--AND THEY DID HIT
US HARD! YOU MEN WILL BE THE POINT OF ATTACK! THIS
COULD BE THE KNOCKOUT PUNCH, MEN--FURLONGHS FOR
EVERYONE IF WE DO IT!



SO SUDDEN IS THE "BLUE" ARMY ATTACK, THAT THE "WHITE" ARMY BECOMES HOPELESSLY CONFUSED,
AND...



WE'VE GOT
THEM, BOYS!

HOLD YOUR FIRE, MEN--THEY'RE
SURRENDERING!



SOON IT IS ALL OVER, BUT SUDDENLY, JOE HEARS...

LISTEN! THERE'S
A DOG IN THAT CAVE!

IT'S LITTLE JOE!
HE'S ALIVE! C'MON,
JOE!!!





MY LITTLE JOE...
YOU'RE SAFE--HEY!
THE DOG IS **SICK!**

SICK, MY FOOT!
TAKE A LOOK AT
THIS!!!



PUPPIES! LITTLE JOE HAD
A LITTER OF SIX **PUPS!**



LITTLE JOE? YOU'D
BETTER CHANGE HER
NAME TO LITTLE **JOSEPHINE!**



I'M GONNA NAME
'EM AFTER MY
BUDDIES! I'LL
CALL THIS ONE--

-- LITTLE JOE!

HEY! WHAT
ABOUT ME?

-- CARP!

--HOOSIER!

--UGLY!

--READY-MONEY!

AND THIS **BLACK ONE--**
DACKENSEN!



LOOK WHAT WE FOUND,
SWENSON! A MULE --
FOR YOUR MENAGERIE!

THANKS! I HEREBY
CHRISTEN THEE ---
MULVANEY!

HEY!!



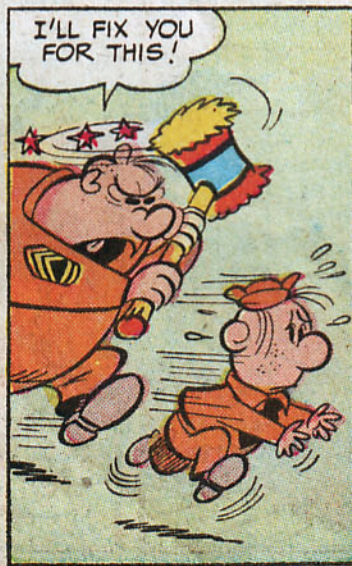
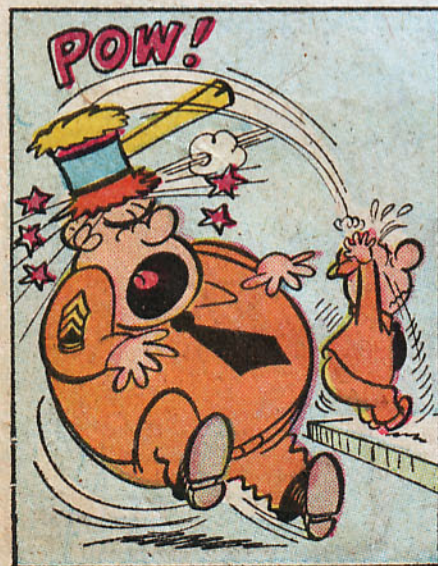
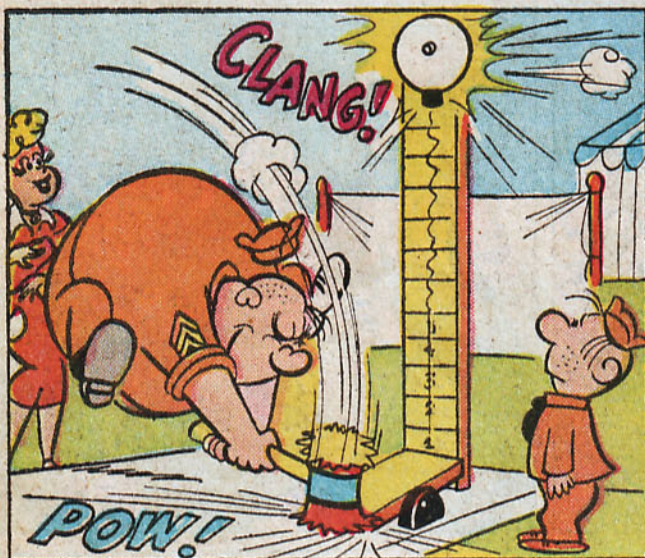
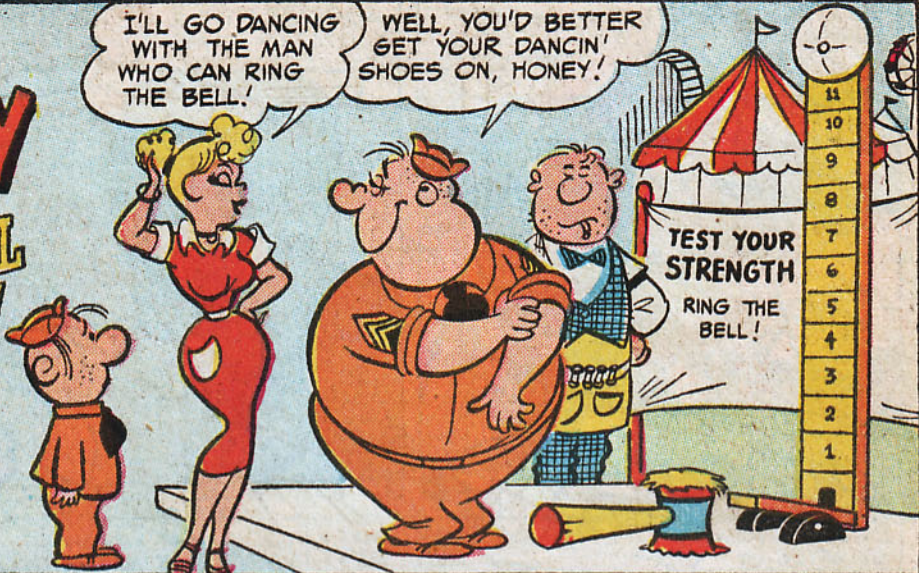
WE LIKE THE GALS, WE LIKE OUR PALS FROM GOOD OL' COMPANY "B"
BUT BEST OF ALL WE LIKE THE PETS IN SWENSON'S MENAGERIE!

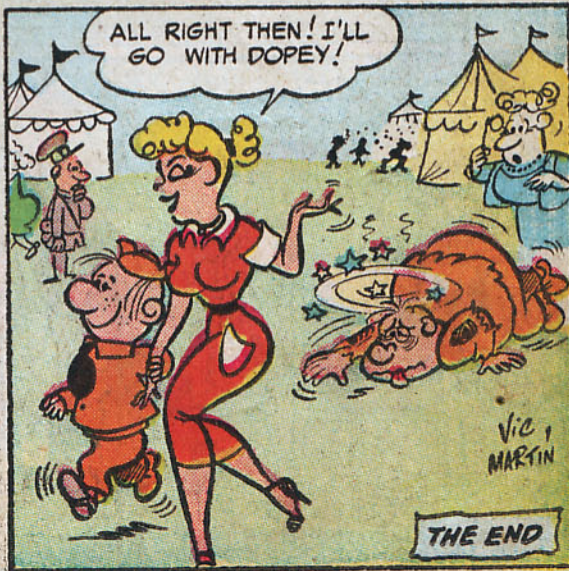
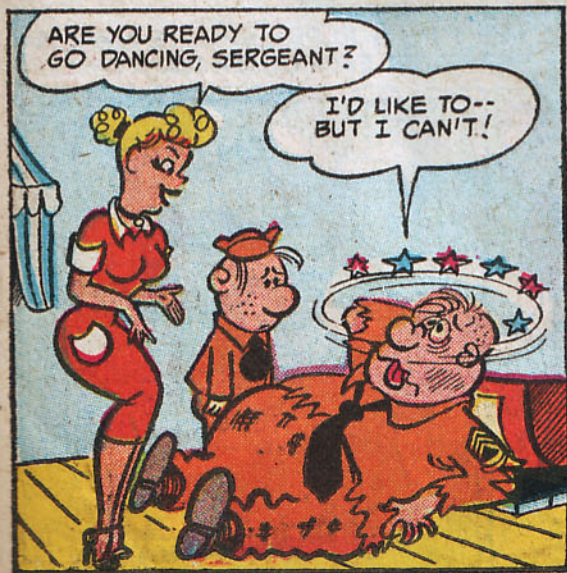
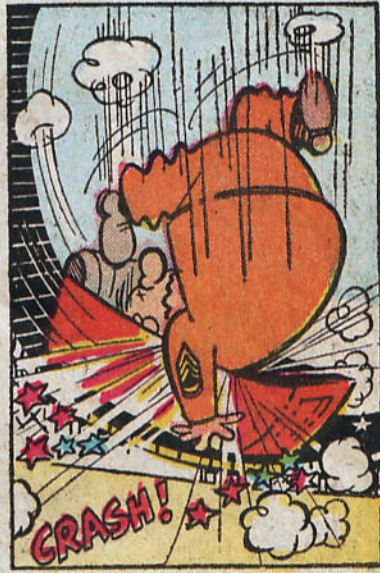
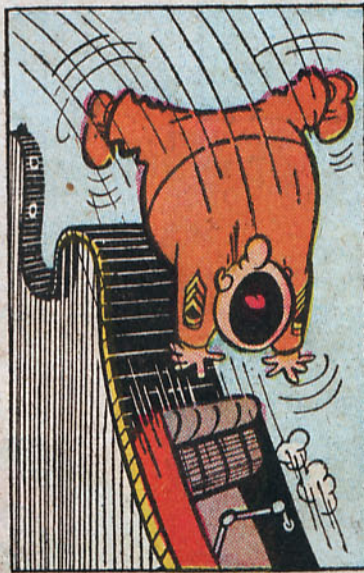
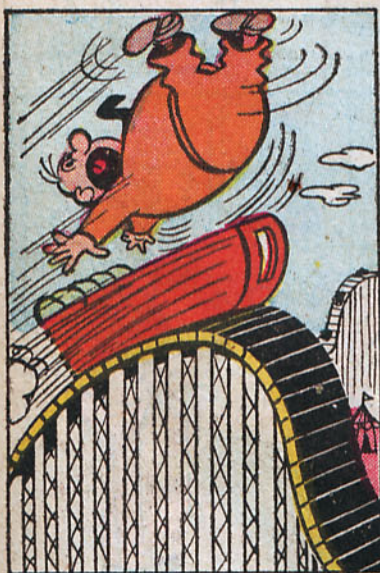
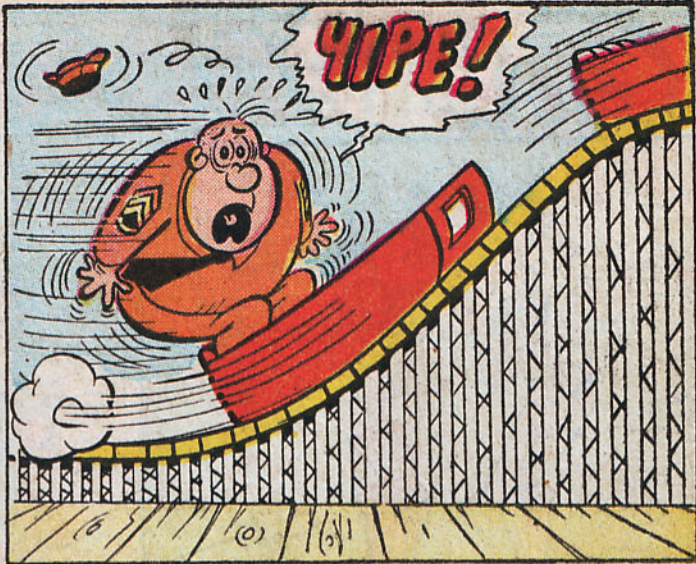
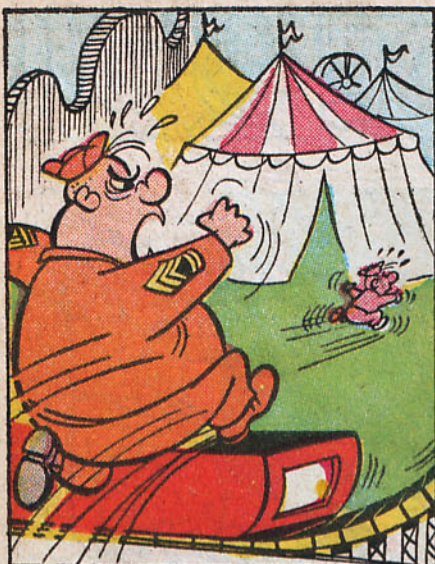
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PVT. DOPEY in CARNIVAL CAPERS!

I'LL GO DANCING
WITH THE MAN
WHO CAN RING
THE BELL!

WELL, YOU'D BETTER
GET YOUR DANCIN'
SHOES ON, HONEY!

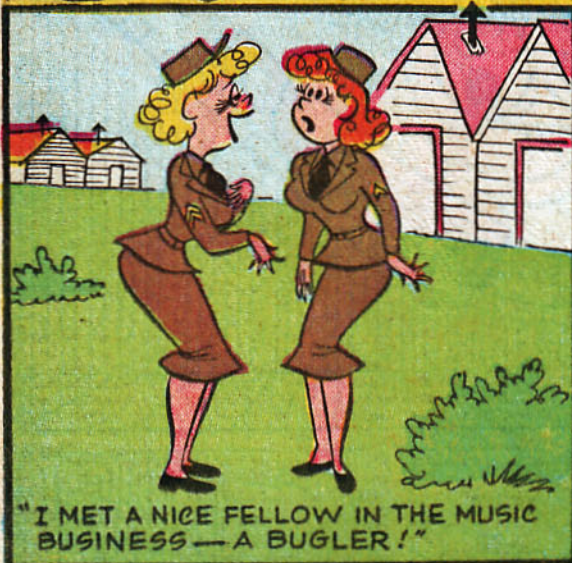




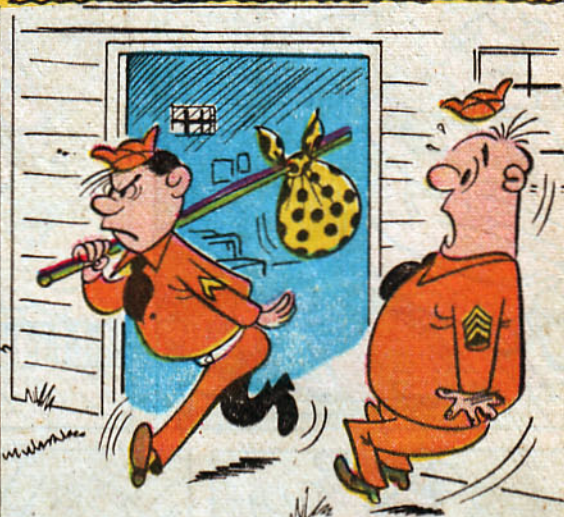
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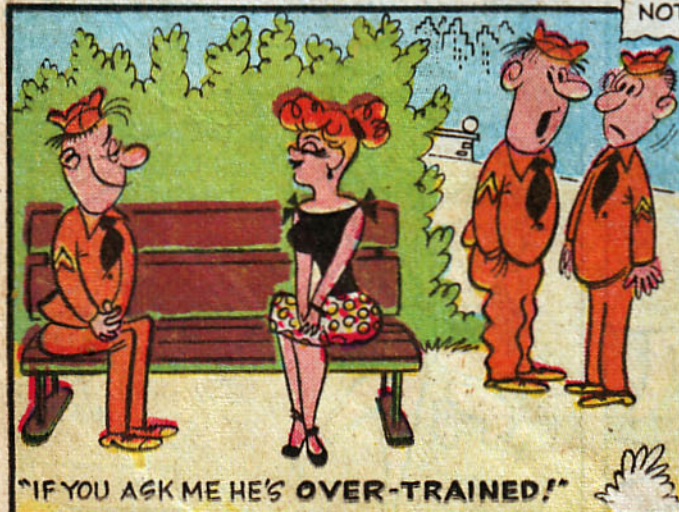
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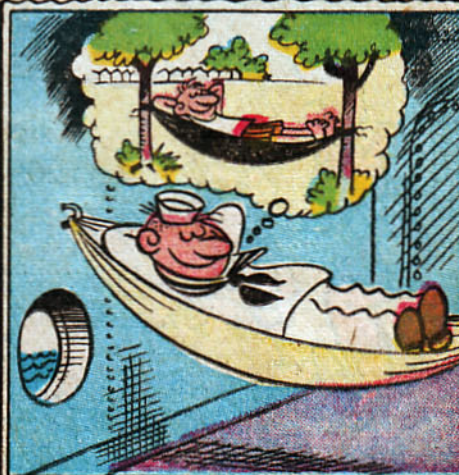
"I MET A NICE FELLOW IN THE MUSIC BUSINESS—A BUGLER!"



"SHE'S MY GIRLFRIEND—WE AGREED NOT TO SEE EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE!"



"IF YOU ASK ME HE'S OVER-TRAINED!"



G.I. JOE'S PEN PALS

Readers of G.I. JOE are invited to use this popular department to exchange correspondence between interested servicemen, wherever they may be, and civilians who wish to brighten their lives with such correspondence.

EAST

BEVERLY CATANIA, LAUREL ROAD, ROCKY HILL, CONN. . . "I am 18 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I like all sports. Would like to write to anyone who would like to correspond with me. I will answer all letters."

LAIRIE HARTWELL, 22 W. MAIN ST., TERRYVILLE, CONN. . . "I am 18 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, light brown hair and blue eyes. I enjoy writing letters very much and hope to do a great deal of it as a result of your listing my name. I am an assistant librarian in our public library, secretary and bookkeeper for our town newspaper. Will answer all letters."

GLORIA GIRARD, PROSPECT HILL RD., WINDSOR, CONN. . . "I am 17 years old, stand 5 feet 2 inches tall, have blonde hair, blue eyes. I would like to exchange letters and snaps with some of the service boys, so won't you start those letters on their way?"

FLORENCE BENNER, 47 RAWSON AVE., P. O. BOX 175, CAMDEN, MAINE . . . "I am 17 years of age, blonde hair, blue eyes and 5 feet 8 inches tall. I like popular music and love to write letters. Let's hear from you." MARGARET WILDES, FOREST HILL, KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair and hazel eyes. I would like very much to correspond with servicemen and help to do my part to keep these men from getting too lonely. Will answer all letters as soon as possible."

JEAN BERNARD, 318 WALDO ST., RUMFORD, MAINE . . . "I am 16 years old, and have auburn hair, green eyes, and I am 5 feet 6 inches tall. I am interested in sports and I love to dance and listen to records. How about dropping me a line or two?"

JOSEPHINE SOLINKO, 14 MAYBROOK ST., BLACKSTONE, MASS. . . "I enjoy writing very much and hope that some of the boys will write. I am 19 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. Let's have your letters, boys!"

LAINE CRAMER, 128 W. BROOKLINE ST., BOSTON, MASS. . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair and green eyes. I love all kinds of music, sports, like to dance and love to read. Will try to answer all letters promptly."

JUDY MCCARTHY, 8 OAK SQUARE AVE., BRIGHTON, MASS. . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, long black hair and green eyes. I love to dance, skate, play baseball and write letters. I promise to answer every letter that I receive. How about dropping me a line."

NINA M. TENGALLO, 117 NONANTUM ST., BRIGHTON, MASS. . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, black hair and brown eyes. I would like very much to write to the men in service that are lonely and would like to be cheered up. I will answer all letters that I receive as fast as possible."

RITA JENSEN, 44 CHESTER ST., LAWRENCE, MASS. . . "I am 16 years old, have dark hair and hazel eyes and I am 5 feet 5 inches tall. I have a brother who is in the service, therefore I know how much you guys like mail. I promise to answer all letters that I receive."

JACQUELINE PROVOST, EAST MAIN ST., NORTHBORO, MASS. . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, brown hair and hazel eyes. I, like many others, know how lonely it gets in the service for you boys when you do not receive any mail. I would like very much to hear from servicemen, and promise to answer all letters that I receive."

FRANCIS BARTER, 122 CHANDLER ST., WORCESTER, MASS. . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, dark brown hair and hazel eyes. I like music and all sports. I sincerely

promise to answer each and every letter that I receive."

BEVERLY HORTON, 20 BALDWIN PLACE, BELLEVILLE, N. J. . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, blonde hair and blue eyes. I like most all sports and also like to dance. I will write to all men in service that write to me. So, come on, fellows, let's have those letters."

GALE PANTISS, 120 PLAUDERVILLE AVE., GARFIELD, N. J. . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, long blonde hair, blue eyes. I love animals, enjoy music and have some art talent. I would like to become a pen pal for a lonely serviceman anywhere in the world. Won't you write?"

BARBARA ANN SCHREIFER, 403 RIVER ST., HACKENSACK, N. J. . . "I am 22 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I realize the great need for boosting the morale of the servicemen who are making great sacrifices for us at home. I will gladly answer all letters that I receive."

JOAN FERUS, 214 S. 4TH ST., MILLVILLE, N. J. . . "I am 18 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair, hazel eyes. I would like to hear from servicemen and will answer all letters that I receive."

BERNICE COLE, 230 E. 24TH ST., PATERSON, N. J. . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, dark brown hair, brown eyes. Will answer any letter that I receive."

ROSE MARIE DANIELS, C/O COLE, 230 E. 24TH ST., PATERSON, N. J. . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, black hair, blue eyes. I like all kinds of sports and love to dance. I will write to anyone that writes to me."

PATRICIA REILLY, BOX 771, UNION CITY, N. J. . . "I am 17 years old and would like very much to write to men in service. I am 5 feet 5 inches tall, have brown hair and brown eyes. I will answer all letters."

MARTHA CONSTANZA, C/O LOGUE, 474 60TH ST., BROOKLYN, N. Y. . . "I would like to write to men in service and promise to answer all letters that I receive."

KAY B. HOLROYAL, 123 BAY 23RD ST., BROOKLYN, N. Y. . . "I would like very much to hear from servicemen or civilians. I am 18 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I like all sports, but most of all baseball and bowling. How about sending me a picture of yourself and I will do the same?"

MYRNA LYONS, 853 MADISON ST., BROOKLYN, N. Y. . . "I am a college student and would enjoy spending my free time writing to our men in service. I am 18 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, dark brown hair and eyes. Let's hear from you, fellows, and I promise that you will hear from me."

MARGIE LENZ, 40 E. LOCUST ST., CENTRAL ISLIP, N. Y. . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I am a typical teenager, as my interests include sports, dancing, and records. How about dropping me a line or two?"

BLANCHE AND CANDY LATANT, HALL No. 4, OSWEGO, N. Y. . . "We are twin

sisters, 17 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall and we have black hair and brown eyes. We will answer all letters we may receive. Let's have some lines for the LaTant twins, guys!" SANDRA BLOOM, 20 AVENUE D, ROCHESTER, N. Y. . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, light brown hair, blue eyes. I would like to correspond with servicemen, and will answer each and every letter that I receive."

JEAN WITZEL, 63 FELIX ST., ROCHESTER, N. Y. . . "I am 16 years old, have brown hair and green eyes. I enjoy writing letters very much and promise to answer all letters faithfully."

FRANK REICHWEIN, BOX 1121, WOODHAVEN, N. Y. . . "I am 32 years old and would like to correspond with any lady in any branch of the service who would care to exchange letters with me. All letters will be answered faithfully. I like all sports. Hope to hear from some servicewoman soon."

ANNA MAY GRISWOLD, 1501 19TH ST., (2ND FLOOR) ALTOONA, PA. . . "I would like very much to correspond with men in the service. I am 23 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall. I like swimming, horseback riding and most other sports. My hobby is photography. Come on, fellows, and let me hear from you."

JANET R. KINER, P. O. BOX 307, HALIFAX, PA. . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, blonde hair, blue eyes. I would like to write to some lonely servicemen. I like most every sport and enjoy letter writing very much. I will also exchange photos on request. So, how about it, fellows, let me hear from you."

CARMELLA FANELLI, 2537 S. WANAMAKER ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA. . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, light brown hair, brown eyes. Dancing and swimming are my favorite sports. I would like to write to any servicemen who are 18 or 19 years of age."

MARILYN MACDONALD, 330 HUNTLY ROAD, UPPER DARBY, PA. . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, light brown hair, blue eyes. I love popular and jazz music. I promise to answer all letters I receive, just as soon as possible."

NANCY ALEXIA, BOX 61, WILDWOOD, PA. . . "I am 16½ years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair, green eyes. I like all kinds of sports and dancing. I would like a picture of anyone that writes to me and I will send one in return."

DOLORES DALIMONTE, 600 RAILROAD ST., WINDBER, PA. . . "I am 17 years old, have dark brown hair and eyes. I would like to write to servicemen anywhere in the world. I like all sports, especially football. I will answer all letters I receive as soon as possible."

NANCY KARUS, 243 CLAYTON ST., RINESVILLE, W. VA. . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, short light brown hair, hazel eyes. I love all kinds of animals. My favorite sport is horseback riding. I will answer all letters I receive."

BONNIE OLIVERIO, 6 CLAYTON ST., RINESVILLE, W. VA. . . "I am 5 feet 1½ inches tall, long brown hair, brown eyes. I am interested in dancing and music. I will write to anyone interested in writing and receiving an early reply."

FAYE HENDRIX, BOX 313, APT. 276, BRYNMAWR, ALA. . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, black hair, brown eyes. I will answer every letter I receive." OTHELLA MCCOLOUGH, 1209 W. 2ND ST., POCAHONTAS, ARK. . . "I am 22 years old, 4 feet 9 inches tall, brown hair, gray eyes. I like to receive mail very much and will answer every letter I receive. I would like to hear from any GIs who wish to write to me."

OUR SERVICEMEN ALL OVER THE WORLD WANT AND NEED MAIL. THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THEM. THE CHARACTER OF THE CORRESPONDENTS WE LIST ON THESE PAGES HAVE BEEN VOUCHERED FOR BY THEIR LOCAL AUTHORITIES, AND OUR SERVICEMEN REPRESENT THE FINEST OF AMERICAN MANHOOD.

CHRISTINE FLANCO, 1051 CORONET ST., PLANT CITY, FLA. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I am interested in all sports. I will try and answer every letter I receive."

PATRICIA JARNAGIN, 713 INDIAN AVE., ROSSVILLE, GA. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, light brown hair, dark blue eyes. I like just about all sports. My hobbies are letter writing and making pictures. I will answer each and every letter I receive."

HELEN MOODY, 1335 SEILER AVE., SAVANNAH, GA. . . . "I have light brown hair, hazel eyes and am 5 feet 5 1/2 inches tall. I am 23 years old. I like music, dancing, most all sports and most of all letter writing. I hope to be hearing from some of you pen pals real soon."

CHRISTINE BROWN, 1511 R. S. 4TH ST., LOUISVILLE, KY. . . . "I am a Negro girl, 16 years old. I would like very much to write to men in the service. I will try and answer every letter I receive. So, please hurry, fellows, and fill my mail box with your mail."

MONTY RUE VAN ERMAN, ROUTE 1, BOX 37, LEEVILLE, LA. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, red hair, gray eyes. I like music, and all types of sports, especially those out-of-doors. I really enjoy writing letters when I know they are helping someone who is lonely and far from home. I am hoping to receive loads and loads of mail from anyone who cares to write. Get those letters rolling, because I don't want my pen to get dull."

CAROLYN SHULTZ, 1720 LAKE AVE., METAIRIE, LA. . . . "I am 16 years old, and am a freshman in high school. I am 5 feet 6 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I like dancing, swimming, roller skating, basketball, baseball and volleyball. How about dropping me a line, fellows?"

LUCILLE BENNETT, C/O GENERAL DELIVERY, MONROE, LOUISIANA. . . . "I would like very much to correspond with servicemen. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I love all outdoor sports especially fishing and baseball."

MARIA BALDASSARI, 8378 BELLAIRE DRIVE, NEW ORLEANS, LA. . . . "I am 17 years of age and would enjoy receiving your letters very much."

BEVERLY SALTZMAN, 1446 SEMINOLE AVE., METAIRIE, LA. . . . "I am interested in writing letters to lonely servicemen. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, brown hair, green eyes. I love sports and dancing. I will answer each and every letter I receive no matter where they come from."

PEG ANN HERRINGTON, ROUTE 2, BOX 183, OAK GROVE, LA. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, light black hair, gray eyes. I know how lonely the boys are overseas when they do not receive any mail. I will be glad to answer any letters from servicemen."

WILMA ASHTON, 25 S. TUNNEL ROAD, ASHEVILLE, N. C. . . . "I am 16 years of age, 5 feet 1 inch tall, black hair, brown eyes. I would like very much to write to servicemen. So let's go, fellows, start writing those letters."

LOIS FEBRUARY, ELK PARK, NORTH CAROLINA. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, black hair, hazel eyes. I would like very much to receive mail from servicemen. I will answer all letters I receive. Won't you write?"

MAMIE SOWERSBY, ROUTE 5, BOX 281, TULSA, OKLA. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I would love to correspond with servicemen and to do my part in cheering them up."

CHARLIE NORTHAM, 301 N. COLLEGE ST., TRENTON, TENN. . . . "I am in the hospital with a broken back and would like to receive some letters to help cheer me up. I am 22 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, blonde hair, blue eyes. I will answer all letters that I receive."

CONNIE HARPER, GENERAL DELIVERY, BANGS, TEXAS. . . . "I would like to receive letters from everyone from everywhere. I am 17 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I like to read books and swim. Will try to answer as many letters as possible."

BETTY BOTILLO, 1222 WAVERLY AVE., SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. . . . "I would like to

write to servicemen and women all over the world. I am 17 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I will answer all letters I receive and trade snapshots with all."

ELIZABETH BURNETTE, RICHMOND, VA. . . . "I am 34 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, auburn hair, blue eyes. I would enjoy hearing from servicemen my own age. I'll be waiting for letters."

MIDWEST

ALICE BLACKBURN, 6058 S. MOGART ST., CHICAGO, ILL. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I would enjoy writing to men in service. So, how about it, boys, won't you please write to me?"

DOROTHY GORSKI, 6719 S. KILDARE, CHICAGO, ILL. . . . "I would like to write to any servicemen that are lonely. I am 18 years old, have brown hair and blue eyes. I promise to answer any and every letter I receive."

LORETTA KOZIOL, 4830 N. KARLOV AVE., CHICAGO, ILL. . . . "I enjoy writing letters. I am 16 years old, have brown hair, blue eyes. I would like to write to servicemen who don't receive much mail."

LAURA KUNTZ, 6938 S. RACINE AVE., CHICAGO, ILL. . . . "I enjoy writing letters very much, and would like to write servicemen and veterans alike. I am 20 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall."

CAROLE RUZYCKI, 2537 S. HARDING, CHICAGO, ILL. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, blonde hair, brown eyes. I enjoy sports and letter writing very much. I will answer all letters I receive."

BARBARA EUTIS, ROUTE 4, OTTAWA, ILL. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, blonde hair, green eyes. I would like very much to write to some lonesome GI's. I will answer all letters promptly."

SHARON SMITH, P.O. BOX 123, 104 S. LAURAL ST., STAUNTON, ILL. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I would like to write to servicemen, and will answer all letters."

LEONORA SMITH, BOX 152, WARRENSBURG, ILL. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I like most sports, reading, and writing letters. I promise to answer faithfully all letters I receive."

SHARON ELAINE FLETTER, 1120 CRES. AVE., FT. WAYNE, IND. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair. I would like very much to correspond with men in the service."

MARLO TODD, ADAMS CENTER, ROUTE 7, FT. WAYNE, IND. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I would like to correspond with servicemen or civilians."

SHIRLEY NAWROCKI, 2613 W. SAMPLE ST., SOUTH BEND, IND. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I like all sports and all kinds of music. I will answer every letter as soon as possible."

DAISY VAN WINKLE, 1245 12TH ST., TELL CITY, IND. . . . "I would like very much to write to service men all over the world. I am 23 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, dark blonde hair, grey-green eyes. I will answer every letter received and will exchange photos with those who wish to."

BETTY WILSON, 1302 F ST., CHARLES CITY, IOWA. . . . "Will correspond with any servicemen who are willing to write to me. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. Won't you drop me a line?"

DOROTHY KEELER, 231 PLAYER ST., MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA. . . . "I am 16 years old, brown hair, hazel eyes. I would enjoy writing servicemen very much. I like all kinds of sports."

JUDY STAEBLER, 3208 PLYMOUTH RD., ANN ARBOR, MICH. . . . "I am 16 years old, 4 feet 11 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. My friends call me 'Shorty', 'Doll', or 'Babe'. I like dancing, swimming and many other sports. I will try and answer every letter I receive."

JOY ALLEN, ROUTE 2, CHASSALL, MICH. . . . "I would like to correspond with all servicemen and women any where and of any age. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, black hair, brown eyes. Come on, fellows and gals, write to me soon."

SHIRLEE WARD, 19463 TRINITY, DETROIT, MICH. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, red hair, green eyes. I love to write letters and would thoroughly enjoy answering any and all letters I receive."

DOROTHY RUBICK, 615 ROCKLAND ROAD, ONTONAGON, MICH. . . . "I would like very much to correspond with servicemen and women serving all over the world. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair, green eyes. I will exchange photos with anyone who will write to me."

EMMA JEAN ASHER, 24819 HASKILL, TAYLOR CENTER, MICH. . . . "I am 23 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I would like to hear from servicemen and women all over the world. I promise to answer all mail that I receive."

LYDIA ROSE, 19150 PONTIAC TRAIL, P.O. BOX 486, WALLED LAKE, MICH. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 1/2 inches tall, long black hair, brown eyes. I would like to have servicemen write to me and I will answer all letters I receive."

DOTTY SWANSON, 5306 ROOSEVELT ST., DULUTH, MINN. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I love to write letters and look forward to receiving them very much."

BERNICE THARALDSON, 2414 W. 6TH ST., DULUTH, MINN. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I know the servicemen like to receive mail because I have a brother in the marines. I promise to answer all letters I receive. Let's start them coming, boys!"

LOIS MAE RICKS, 1208 W. RAMSEY ST., STILLWATER, MINN. . . . "I am 26 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall. Would like to hear from anyone who would like to write to me."

LORENE ANDERSON, CAMPERS HOME STORR, EAST STAR ROUTE, TWO HARBORS, MINN. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I would like to write to men and women in the armed forces and civilians. I will answer all letters as soon as I receive them."

PEGGY LEE SHIRK, 4433 S. COTTAGE, INDEPENDENCE, MO. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, black hair, hazel eyes. I promise to answer all letters that I receive."

JEAN CRAWFORD, 309 W. COLT ST., WINDSOR, MO. . . . "I would like to correspond with men in the service. I realize how lonely one gets when there is no mail from home. I am 17 years old and will be waiting to hear from you."

ANNETTE WILSON, 2511 JEFFERSON ST., OMAHA, NEBR. . . . "I would like to correspond with people from all over the world. I am 16 years old. I will answer all letters that I receive."

MONICA HAMMER, BOX 482, NEW ROCKFORD, N. DAK. . . . "I have started a club for girls to write to GI's all over the world. So, come on, fellows, drop us a line or two."

LYNN STOWELL, PERTH, N. DAK. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I love sports and letter writing very much. I will answer all letters that I receive."

FLORIA FIALA, 324 NORTHWEST AVE., BELLEVUE, OHIO. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, blonde hair, blue eyes. I am interested in almost everything, especially people and sports. If you enclose a snapshot in your letter, one will be assured from me in return."

LINSA ELAINE BLOU, BOX 237, BELMONT, OHIO. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, blue eyes, brown hair. I would like to write GI's to make them feel more at home."

MARJORIE WHITE, 702 W. MANSFIELD, BUCYRUS, OHIO. . . . "I am 20 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair, blue green eyes. My brother is in the service and I know how much GI's appreciate letters."

BETTY STACK, 338 RAILROAD ST., CANTON, OHIO. . . . "I am 16 years old, have black hair, dark brown eyes. I like all sports and enjoy school very much."

ETHEL JACKSON, 2007H WESTWOOD, NORTHERN BLVD., CINCINNATI, OHIO. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 1/2 inches tall, auburn hair, blue eyes. I love sports, movies, etc. So, c'mon, be you soldiers, sailors, marines or in the air force, let's have those letters."

LORRAINE METZNER, 911 HARRIS AVE., CINCINNATI, OHIO . . . "I am 18 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, brown hair, hazel eyes. I like all kinds of sports and music. My hobbies are cooking, art and collecting good books. I am looking forward to receiving some mail, so start those letters coming."

DOROTHY PERDUE, 35-15 EAST 142ND ST., CLEVELAND, OHIO . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, blonde hair, blue eyes. I promise to answer all letters I receive."

LOIS ZUPON, 992 ROANOKE ROAD, CLEVELAND, OHIO . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, blondish brown hair, blue eyes. I enjoy writing letters and will do my very best to answer all promptly."

BARBARA MILLER, 2200 GAYLORD AVE., KETTERING VILLAGE, DAYTON, OHIO . . . "I am 17 years old and have brown hair, brown eyes, and am 5 feet 5 inches tall. I will answer all letters that I receive as fast as I can."

DORIS HISEY, BOX 23, GARRETTSTOWN, OHIO . . . "I love to write letters and like to make new friends. I am 21 years old, 5 feet tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I like all sports and have some musical talent."

HELEN MARIE WOLFGANG, R.F.D. 4, BOX 160, JEFFERSON, OHIO . . . "I am 18 years old, have dark hair and eyes. My favorite hobbies are writing letters, singing, dancing, cooking, and sewing. I live on a medium-sized farm which has an array of farm animals."

PHYLLIS D. HILL, BOX 104, EMERY, S. DAK. . . . "I am 25 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, brown hair, green eyes. I have written all my relatives who were in the service and know what it means to receive mail."

SHARON VALLESKEY, BOX 83, COLLINS, WISC. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I would sincerely like to correspond with some of our servicemen. I love to write letters and enjoy many sports."

JUDY WALKER, CRANDON, WISC. . . . "I am 16 years old, have blonde hair, blue eyes. I will answer all mail that I receive."

SHIRELY ANN OSTROWSKI, ROUTE 1, CUSTER, WISC. . . . "I would like to correspond with anyone in service who wishes to receive mail. I am 17 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I like sports, music and the theater. I love writing letters and will answer each and every one that I receive."

BARBARA FETT, ROUTE 1, BOX 20, HARTLAND, WISC. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I would like to write to anyone who likes letter writing as much as I do."

PENNY JUNE MICHAELIS, BOX 144, MARION, WISC. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair, hazel eyes. I enjoy all sports and love the outdoors. I'll exchange snapshots and answer every letter that I receive."

JOANNE EIGENBURGER, 2315 E. MORGAN AVE., MILWAUKEE, WISC. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 1 1/2 inches tall, brown hair, green eyes. I would enjoy writing servicemen very much."

BETTY NEAD, ROUTE 1, PLOVER, WISC. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, blonde hair, brown eyes. I would like very much to correspond with men in service."

MARY SCHIRAB, ROUTE 3, PORTAGE, WISC. . . . "I love letter writing and would enjoy writing to servicemen of all ages. I am 17 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes."

KATHY ANN MOHR, 1028 ST. CLAIR AVE., SHEBOYGAN, WISC. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 1 1/2 inches tall, brown hair, green eyes. I promise to answer each and every letter I receive, so, come on, all you servicemen, women, boys, and girls, who are looking for pen-pals drop me a line."

JOANNE GREENFELDT, WASHINGTON ISLAND, WISC. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, black hair, brown eyes. I love to write letters and will answer every letter I receive."

MARGIE SCHRODE, 7921 LIVINGSTON AVE., WAUWATOSA, WISC. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I will answer all letters, and gladly exchange snapshots."

FAR WEST

JENNIE RODRIGUEZ, 9568 INDIANA AVE., ARLINGTON, CALIF. . . . "I would like to receive a letter from a Mexican girl in the WACS. This doesn't mean that I wouldn't accept letters from boys in service. I would be glad to answer all letters from both American and Mexican servicemen. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall and have black hair and dark brown eyes. I like cooking, sports and most of all, dancing. Please write and I will answer."

NORMA HAWS, P.O. BOX 643, AVENAL, CALIF. . . . "I would like to write to some servicemen. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes and I wear glasses. I like most sports and will answer every letter that I receive."

BERNADINE LIMBORDO, 2930 SHATTUCK, BERKELEY, CALIF. . . . "I tried to visualize the other day what it would feel like to be far from home and not to receive any mail. The thought sent chills through me. I would like to do my part by writing to men in service. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, black hair and brown eyes. I will do my best to answer all letters."

BILL KIRBY, 2021 LUCIEN ST., COMPTON, CALIF. . . . "I am 18 years old, Negro, and interested in writing to civilians and servicemen alike all over the world. My interests are varied. I like art, dancing and clothes designing. I will answer all letters."

STEPHANIE EDWARDS, 707 TEMPLETON AVE., DALY CITY, CALIF. . . . "I am 19 years old, have brown hair, blue eyes and I stand 5 feet 6 inches tall. I like all sports, mainly hunting and fishing and am also interested in electronics. I like both male and female pen pals."

BETTY KINTSCHER, P.O. BOX 81, DENAIR, CALIF. . . . "I will be glad to receive letters from men in service. I am 17 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I just love to write letters and will answer all that come my way."

GEN SIMS, GENERAL DELIVERY, DENAIR, CALIF. . . . "I will write and exchange photos with any GI who would care to contact me. I am a 16-year-old girl who wants to do her best to help out. I have brown hair and brown eyes. Will answer all letters."

HERTHA JONES, GENERAL DELIVERY, FOPESTVILLE, CALIF. . . . "I am 17, blue eyes, brown hair. I like to write letters very much and would love to hear from a man in service."

CLAUDIA DRAGER, 1211 EAST 162ND ST., NORWALK, CALIF. . . . "I would like to write to service guys. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair, green eyes. I'm interested in nearly all sports. My home town is Big Stone City, S. Dak. Come on, guys, let's hear from you!"

LAURA BRUNER, 79 LARMIER AVE., OAK VIEW, CALIF. . . . "I'm 18 years old and I work as a salesclerk. I have auburn hair and I am 5 feet 5 inches tall. I would be very honored to have my name listed in your very fine feature. I will write to all servicemen and will send pictures of myself."

RAYE JEAN MINSHAW, 4991 NEWCASTLE ST., RIVERSIDE, CALIF. . . . "I have a pen pals club and have passed addresses from our pages around and have met with a wonderful response. I would like to have my name listed. I am originally from Idaho and everyone calls me 'Reggie' or 'Sis.' I kind of fancy the name 'Sis.' especially by servicemen, since I haven't any older brothers. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, blue eyes and light brown hair. I sing, write songs, dance (love it) and do most everything else. I'm what you would call the indoor-outdoor type. Love picnics, horses and people—people come first, naturally. Want very much to make new friends, and I'm told that I'm easy to get along with. I will send candy, cake, books, etc. as often as I possibly can. Please write, fellows—I'll see that each and every letter gets answered . . . that's a promise."

MARION STONE, 2451 28TH AVE., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. . . . "I am 16 years old, brown hair, blue eyes and want to write to servicemen."

NAOMI RODRIGUEZ, 14511 S. EDWARDS, WESTMINSTER, CALIF. . . . "I would like very much to write to a serviceman. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, black hair,

brown eyes."

PAT OTIS, 12328 SHOEMAKER AVE., WHITTIER, CALIF. . . . "I am 18 years old, stand 5 feet 6 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I would like to exchange snapshots with all who write to me. How about it, fellows?"

ROBERT ANDRADE, 1320 E. COLON ST., WILMINGTON, CALIF. . . . "I would like to write to anyone in the service who would care to write to a boy. I am 16 years old and will answer all letters promptly."

LINDA SHARP, BOX 73, HOTCHKISS, COLO. . . . "I am 16 years old and most anxious to correspond with some GIs. I have blonde hair and blue eyes and stand 5 feet 2 inches tall. I like all outdoor sports and just love horseback riding. I will answer all the letters that I receive."

VIRGINIA YBARRA, GENERAL DELIVERY, LAMAR, COLO. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I would like to correspond with men in service. I will answer every letter I get."

NORMA GROVE, PAONIA, COLO. . . . "I am 16 years old, blonde hair, brown eyes and I am 5 feet 8 inches tall. I like swimming and dancing very much. Would love to hear from servicemen."

BEVERLY PRESNELL, BOX 72, LAPWAL, IDAHO . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I would like to write to servicemen, especially to those in hospitals. I will answer every letter I receive. This is the least that I can do to help out."

BETTY ROYLAND, BOX 103, CUT BANK, MONT. . . . "I'm 17 years old, got light brown hair, green eyes and stand 5 feet 2 inches tall. I enjoy dancing very much and like all sports. Would like to hear from anyone and will answer all letters."

IRENE SCHOER, 605 N. CUSTER AVE., HARDIN, MONT. . . . "I'd like very much to get my name in your columns. I now write to a few servicemen and I know how much they appreciate letters from home. I am 17 years old, have blonde hair, brown eyes and stand 5 feet 9 inches tall. Would like to correspond with all servicemen. Would be glad to exchange snapshots."

BONNIE JENSEN, WOLF POINT, MONT. . . . "I am 18 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, brown hair, green eyes. I am looking for pen pals and would like to hear from anyone interested in writing a gal from Montana. Will answer all letters as soon as possible."

VIRGINIA DETERS, 4805 S.E. RAMONA, PORTLAND, ORE. . . . "I would like to write to some lonely servicemen in any branch of the armed forces. I am 19 years old, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5 feet 1 inch tall. Will answer any and all letters."

SHIRLEY THARP, 645 FERRY ST., APT. 14, SALEM, ORE. . . . "I enjoy writing letters and will answer all I receive. My main interests are popular music, sports and travel. I am 19 years old. I think this is the least that we girls at home can do for our guys in service. Come on, fellows, let's hear from you!"

LUCILLE WOLF, P.O. BOX 230, SUBLIMITY, ORE. . . . "Please list my name in your wonderful magazine. I am 18 years old and I would love to write to men in service. I enjoy all sports but find letter-writing my favorite pastime. I promise to answer each and every letter and as promptly as I can. I hope to receive many letters and hope that at least one lonesome guy will be cheered up as a result of my letters to him. Please write. I won't let you down."

MARY JONES, 314 WEST 3RD NORTH, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH . . . "I couldn't think of anything that would give me more pleasure than writing to a lonely serviceman. I want so very much to correspond with the men in service. I am 23 years old, black hair, brown eyes and stand 5 feet 5 inches tall. Will answer all letters, but must get them first before I can answer them . . . so come on, fellows."

TERRY ANN MONTANO, 233 DAVIS ST., RAWLINS, WYO. . . . "I am 16 years old, black hair, brown eyes, 5 feet 1 inch tall. I would be honored to receive mail from our servicemen. I would be extremely happy to answer each and every letter that I receive. I am aware of the importance of mail to GIs and promise to follow through."

CANADA

JUANITA HOLLINGSWORTH, C/O BRANDONS CAMP, SOUTH GATE RT., BUTTE INLET, STUART ISLAND, B.C., CANADA . . .

"I have been reading your magazine for some time and think that your Pen Pals feature is tops. I would like to have my name listed. I am 18 years old, brown hair, green eyes. Please write."

DOUGLAS CLARK, 2095 STANBURY AVE., VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA . . . "I am 19 years old, like photography and cartooning and would like to write to servicemen and civilians. I am going to apply for American citizenship fairly soon, and hope that I get it. I am most interested in corresponding with people who live on the Pacific Coast. Let's hear from you."

LINA ROSE DIGNARD, TRACADIE, N.B., CANADA . . . "I would like very much to correspond with servicemen all over the world. I am 16 years old, and I promise to answer all letters."

MARINA ANDERSON, 45 BLAIR ST., NEW GLASGOW, N.S., CANADA . . . "I would enjoy writing to anyone who is a reader of G.I. JOE, servicemen, servicewomen and all civilian readers. I promise faithfully to answer any letter I may receive. I am 18 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall and plan to enter the nursing profession next year. I have black hair and green eyes. I enjoy most sports, dancing and writing to people. I do hope I'll hear from someone soon, so won't you please write?"

PHILOMENA POOLE, NEW BELMONT HOTEL, NORTH SYDNEY, N.S., CANADA . . . "I am 18 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, blonde hair, blue eyes. I like dancing, boating, hockey and almost every other sport. Will answer all letters."

NANCY FACEY, 36 KIRK AVE., STILLAR-TON, N.S., CANADA . . . "I am 16 years old, blue eyes, brown hair and stand 5 feet 3 inches tall. All letters would be most welcome and I promise to answer each and every one of them promptly."

JANE JONES, 69 BOLTON ST., OTTAWA, ONT., CANADA . . . "I am 18 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall. I have written to a few servicemen and have enjoyed corresponding with them. I like all sports but mostly care for dancing. I have blue eyes and light brown hair. I will surely answer whoever writes to me."

JUDY NEAL, 503 PARKHILL ROAD, PETERBOROUGH, ONT., CANADA . . . "For some time now, I had been looking for the names and addresses of people to whom to write, but I never was able to find them. I was so very glad, therefore, to have found your magazine. Please enter my name. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 1 inch tall, light brown hair, hazel eyes. I like all kinds of sports, particularly baseball and swimming. I will answer all letters."

BERNICE BIGNELL, 1279 MAGUIRE AVE., SILLERY, P. Q., CANADA . . . "Recently my youngest sister brought your magazine home and one afternoon I began to read it. G.I. JOE is tops! Your Pen Pals feature beats everything. You're doing a great job and a great service for all those lonely people who want so very much to call someone their friend. I'm 17 years old, brunette with hazel eyes and stand 5 feet 4 inches tall. Love music, dancing and sports. Thanks for a pleasant and truly wonderful magazine. Please write, fellows. I'll answer all letters."

BRITISH WEST INDIES

CECILIA HONG, 11 OLD HOPE RD., CROSS ROADS, JAMAICA, B.W.I. . . . "I would like very much to have some pen pals in the States. I am 17 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown eyes, black hair. I enjoy dancing, reading all sports and music, popular and semi-classic. But most of all, I guess, I like to write letters. Would love to correspond with servicemen and promise to answer all letters."

EILEEN JOSEPH, 25 REID LANE, BELMONT, PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, B.W.I. . . . "I am 25 years of age, black hair, grey eyes and have always wanted to write to servicemen, especially in the U. S. It seems that G.I. JOE has solved my problem. Hope to receive lots of letters."

HAWAII

MATILDA RIN, P.O. BOX 131, KAUNAKAKAI, MOLAKAI, T.H. . . . "I am 16 years

old, 5 feet 8 inches tall and would like to correspond with servicemen."

FROM THE SERVICEMEN

ARMY

PFC JANET BUCK, WA 8509273, WAC DET 3441 SU, CAMP GORDON, GA . . . "I am 20 years old, have blonde hair, blue eyes and stand 5 feet 2 inches tall. Would like to write to men in service. Being in the service myself I know too well the importance of mail."

PVT BRUCE WAKEHAM, US 56251797, HQ BTRY 559 AAA BN, CAMP STEWART, GA . . . "I am 20 years old, brown curly hair, 5 feet 11 inches tall, like all sports especially football. I will write to anyone who sends me a letter."

PVT JOHN LOWLER, RA 18417661, HQ BTRY 54TH AFA BN, 3RD ARMD DIV, FORT KNOX, KY . . . "I am a 17-year-old GI who would like to receive some letters at mail call. I have brown hair, brown eyes. Would like to hear from some girl and will answer all letters."

CPL FRANKLIN STRICKLAND, RA 53186910, BTRY C, 1ST BN 1ST GMGP (SAM), FORT BLISS, TEXAS . . . "I would like to hear from girls anywhere. I am 22 years old and come from Alabama. Will answer all letters."

CPL JAMES LANGFORD, 45TH EVAC HOSP, FT. LEWIS, WASH.

CPL CHARLES ROBINSON (same address as above).

PFC LLOYD WILSON (same address as above). "We are three lonely GIs who would like to receive letters from home. We will answer each and every letter we receive. Please write us."

NAVY

JAMES HIGGINS, ADAN, VC-9, MAINT DEPT, U.S. NAVAL AUX AIR STA, SANFORD, FLA. . . . "I have just read your wonderful magazine and would like to have my name listed. I will answer all letters."

JOSEPH SCHWARTZ, AA, VC-9 1ST LT DIV, U.S. NAVAL AUX AIR STA, SANFORD, FLA. . . . "Would like very much to receive letters from home. Will answer promptly."

ROBERT DOOD HN USN U-1 HOSP CORPS QUARTERS, USNH, CHARLESTON, S. C. . . . "I do not know whether you accept swabs or not, but here is one anyway. I am 19 years old, stand an even 6 feet, weigh 195 pounds and have light brown hair and blue eyes. I enjoy all sports, music and dancing. I will exchange photographs. My home is Racine, Wisconsin. Please write."

MARINE CORPS

PFC JERRY OSBORN, 1471796, FORCE TROOPS FMF ATLANTIC, 2ND SEARCHLIGHT BTLT, MONTFORD PT., CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. . . . "I am 18 years old, 6 feet 2 inches tall and weigh 175 pounds. I like all sports and am very interested in psychology. I will answer all letters."

CPL MATTHEW RACHIC, 1283839, "A" BTRY, 2DL5MM HOW BN MCB, CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. . . . "I am a steady reader of your magazine and would like to have my name listed."

CPL JOHN HEAPHY, 1235672 (same address as above) . . . "Would like to receive letters from guys and gals all over the country."

CPL DONALD KLINE, 1346782 (same address as above) . . . "Please list my name. I will answer all letters."

CPL OWEN GOURLEY, 1560782 (same address as above) . . . "Will answer all letters I receive."

PFC CHARLES PERRONE, 1122468, G CO, 3RD BN 6TH MARINES, 2ND MARINE DIV FMF, CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. . . . "I am 19 years old, and come from Brooklyn, New York. I would like to get some mail from girls at home."

PFC ROLAND LAMBERT, JR., A.T. CO 2ND MAR 2ND DIV, FMF, CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. . . . "I am 19 years old, 5 feet 11 inch tall weigh 160 pounds and have brown hair. Would like to receive letters from girls all over the world."

PFC LEE MARTIN JR. (same address as above) . . . "Age 19, height 5 feet 10 inches, weight 158 pounds. Please write and I will answer."

PFC LESLIE VICARY, F-2-R 2ND DIV, CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. . . . "I hope you will list my name with the other pen pals. I am 19 years

old, 5 feet 11, and would like to have someone to write to. I'll do my best to answer all letters received."

PFC RAYMOND BARKER, 1411978, B CO, 1ST SHORE PARTY BN, 1ST MARINE DIV FMF, CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF. . . . "I would like to receive letters from girls anywhere on the East coast. I am 19 years old, 6 feet 3 inches tall, blond hair and weigh 190 pounds."

AIR FORCE

A/3C DONALD EASTWOOD, AF 19518845, 3275TH USAF HOSP PP, PARKS AFB, CALIF. . . . "I am 20 years old, 6 feet 1 inch tall and would like to correspond with girls."

A/2C GEORGE WADSLEY, 52035680, 390 FT BLM SQD, BOX 139, ENGLAND AFB, LA. . . . "I am 26 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall and come from Delaware. I would like to correspond with some girls anyone who would be interested in writing to me."

A/3C DEANE OLMAN, AF 56115310, 3591ST STU SQD, P.O. BOX 510, KEESLER AFB, MISS. . . . "I'm 22 years old, 6 feet 1 inch tall and come from the state of Washington. I would like to hear from girls from all states. I will answer all letters. Please write."

A/2C HENRY OSINGER, AF 19513258, 107 AGE SQDN BOX 271, GREAT FALLS AFB, MONT. . . . "I just finished reading your magazine and was pleasantly surprised to find your Pen Pals feature. I didn't know that anyone was interested in whether servicemen receive mail or not. I would like you to list my name. I am 25 years old, was born in Chicago, now live in Arizona, and would enjoy hearing from anyone who has the time to write to a lonely airman. I will answer all letters that I receive."

A/2C JACK SULLIVAN, A/2C DOUG RUDDO, LEK, A/2C LARRY BAILEY, 779TH AC&W SQD, OPHHEIM, AFS, MONT. . . . "We are three airmen stationed at a lonely radar site in Northern Montana, and we would like to receive mail. We will answer all letters we receive."

A/1C CLINT BORGESS, AF 17310187, 1610TH AIR BASE SQD, AIR POLICE SECTION, GRENIER AFB, MANCHESTER, N. H. . . . "Please list my name in your fine magazine. I am 23 years old, 6 feet tall and weigh 170 pounds. I will answer all letters."

A/3C MALCOLM YARNELL, JR., AF 13526473, 1610TH AIR BASE SQD, AIR POLICE SECTION, GRENIER AFB, MANCHESTER, N. H. . . . "I am 19 years old, 6 feet 1 inch tall and my home is in Lock Haven, Pa. I would like to correspond with whoever would care to write to me. Will answer all mail."

A/3C OLIN ALVERSON, 160F ATWG SUPPLY SQD, CHARLESTON AFB, S. C. . . . "I have met several friends through your Pen Pals pages and they have proved to be truly wonderful people. I would like to meet many more, and therefore request you to list my name. I am 19 years old, seldom receive any mail, and will answer each and every letter that I receive."

A/2C ROBERT HEIDEN, 16418852, 2901ST AIRCRAFT REPAIR SQD, BOX 208, KELLY AFB, TEXAS . . . "After reading your magazine and seeing all those names listed, I decided that I would like to have my name printed also, in hope of securing a great number of new friends. I will answer all the letters that I receive."

A/3C ALBERT HENNESSEY, AF 1288081, 3752 STU SQD, BKS 789, SHEPPARD AFB, TEXAS . . . "I am 19 years old and do not receive much mail. Please enter my name."

THE MAILBAG

"I wish to thank you for publishing my name in G.I. JOE. At this time I have received 230 letters from our servicemen and they are coming in steadily day by day. There are some that I have heard from three and four times. I have made many friends and really don't know how to thank you enough for making all this possible."—Miss P. H.

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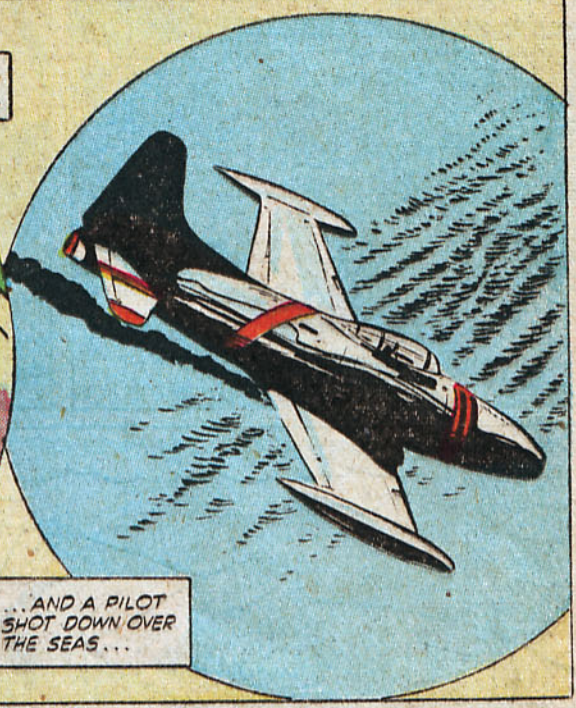
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...AND THEY CAME NEAR...

THIS IS A TRUE STORY THAT WILL BE HARD TO BELIEVE. BUT IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED DURING WORLD WAR II. THE NAMES OF THE PRINCIPALS AND THE THEATER OF OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN CHANGED. ASIDE FROM THAT, THIS REALLY HAPPENED. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL SEE IN IT THE SAME THINGS WE DID, FOR THIS IS A STORY WITH A GRIM MESSAGE FOR ALL OF US...



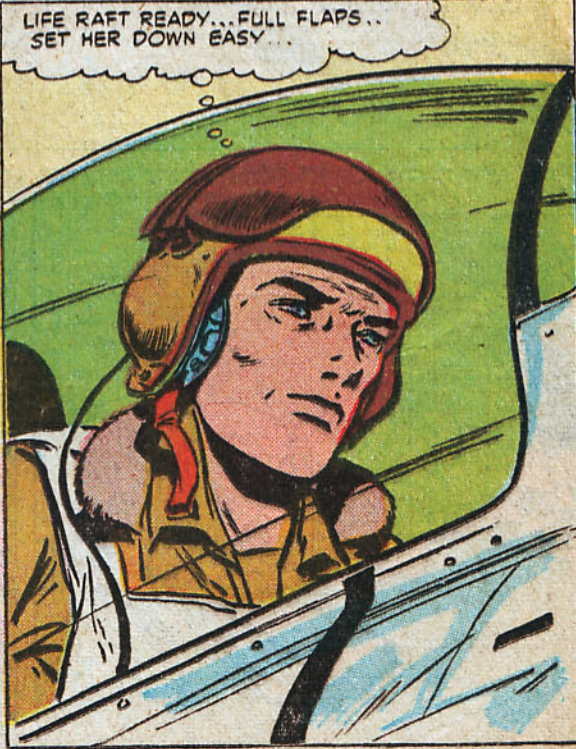
A G.I. TRAPPED IN
THE KOREAN HILLS...



...AND A PILOT
SHOT DOWN OVER
THE SEAS...



GOTTA SAVE AMMO! MAYBE I CAN MAKE A
BREAK FOR IT WHEN IT'S DARK...!



LIFE RAFT READY...FULL FLAPS...
SET HER DOWN EASY...

TWO MEN IN KOREA... EACH ONE SUDDENLY
AND COMPLETELY ON HIS OWN! DAVE, THE
FOOTSOLDIER...

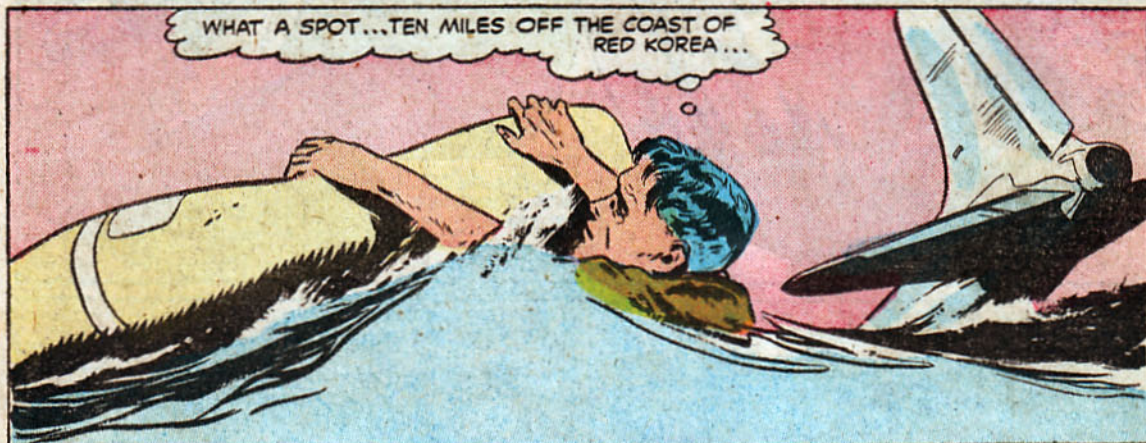
LET 'EM THINK THEY GOT
ME... UNLESS THEY DECIDE TO COME
UP FOR A LOOK!



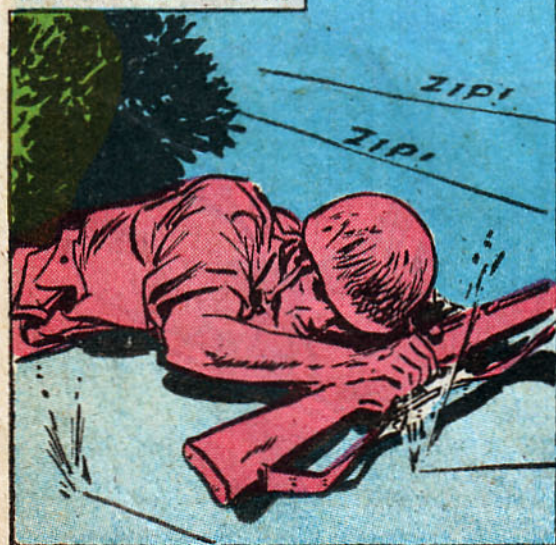
... AND PAUL, THE FLYER...



WHAT A SPOT... TEN MILES OFF THE COAST OF
RED KOREA...



THAT NIGHT, IT LOOKED GOOD FOR DAVE FOR
A MINUTE, BUT THEN...



AND HALF A COUNTRY, HALF A WAR AWAY, IT
LOOKED GOOD FOR PAUL...



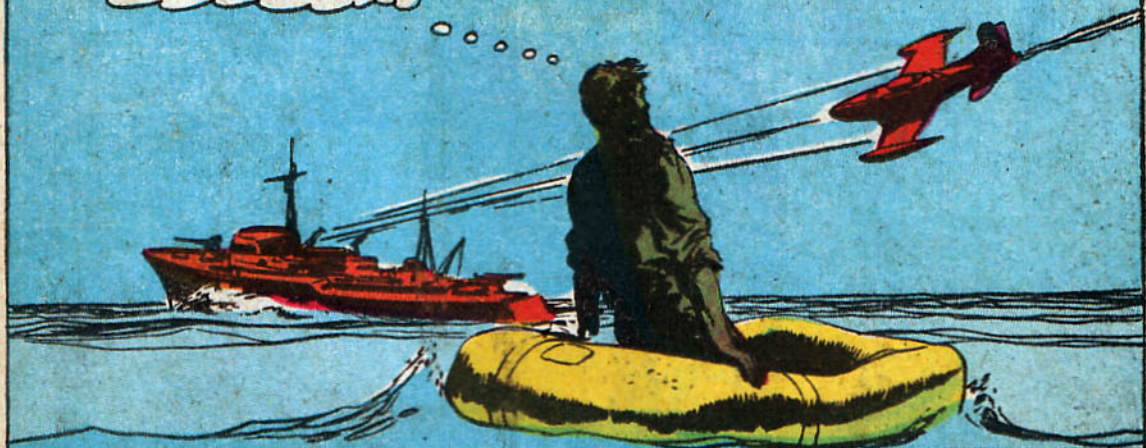
A GUNBOAT!

HEY! HERE I AM! HERE—

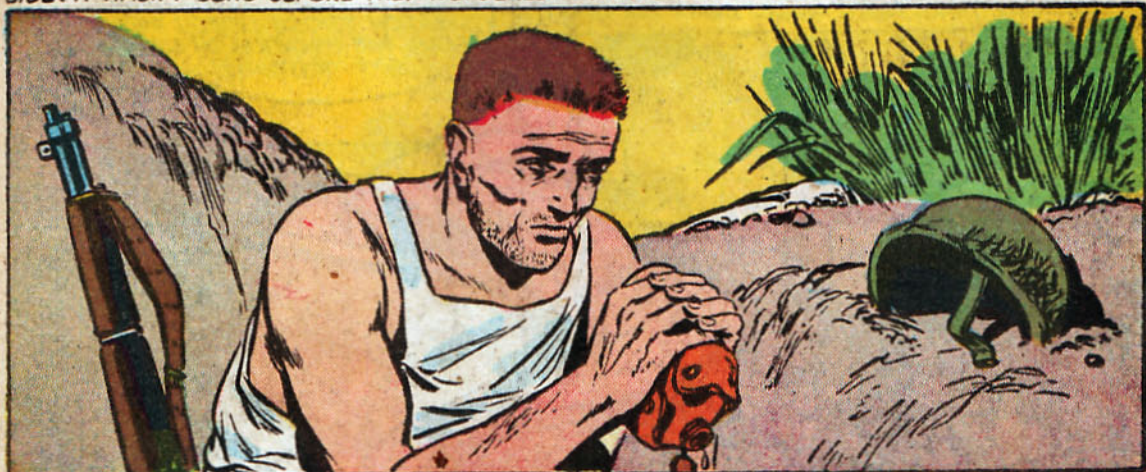
THEY'RE REDS!

THE RED GUNBOAT OPENED FIRE, BUT WAS DRIVEN OFF...

HE DIDN'T SEE ME... FLEW RIGHT
OVER AND MISSED ME...

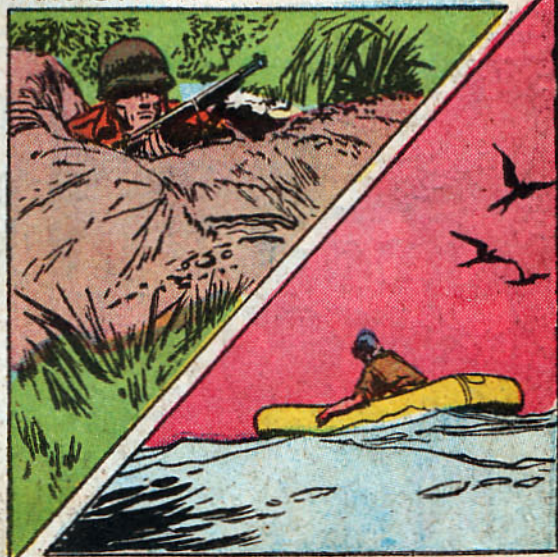


DAYS PASSED. PAUL DRIFTING UNDER THE BLAZING SKY AND DAVE PINNED DOWN ON THE BARE HILLSIDE. IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THEY WONDERED IF THEY COULDN'T JUST DIE...



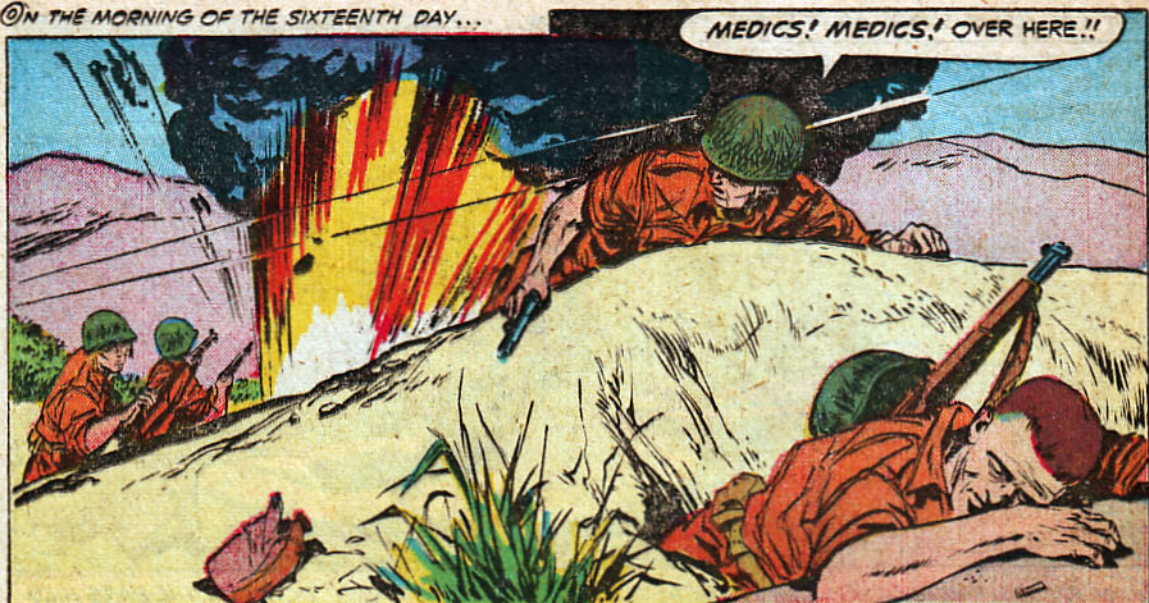
ONE WAS ALONE ON A HILL, THE OTHER A TURBULENT SEA. AND SUDDENLY, THEIR ENEMIES WERE THE ELEMENTS AND NOT MAN AND HIS MAN-MADE WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION...

FOR FIFTEEN DAYS IT WENT ON. DAVE, A PRISONER IN HIS OWN FOXHOLE...

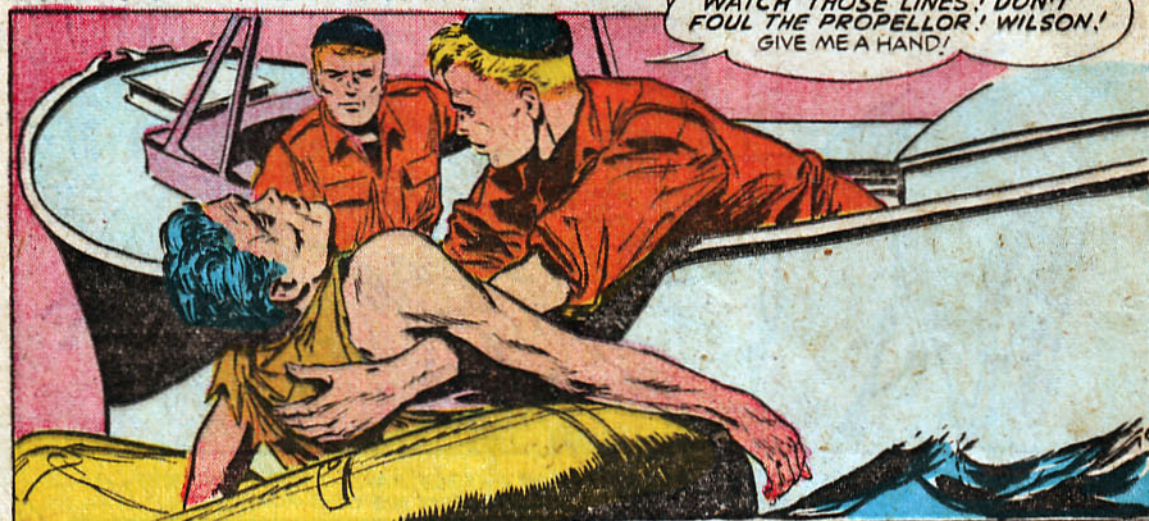


...AND PAUL...

ON THE MORNING OF THE SIXTEENTH DAY...



AND, COINCIDENTALLY, TWENTY MILES DOWN THE COAST...



BEFORE NIGHTFALL, AT A BASE HOSPITAL...



BUT A FEW DAYS LATER...

HOW ARE YOU FEELING, LIEUTENANT?

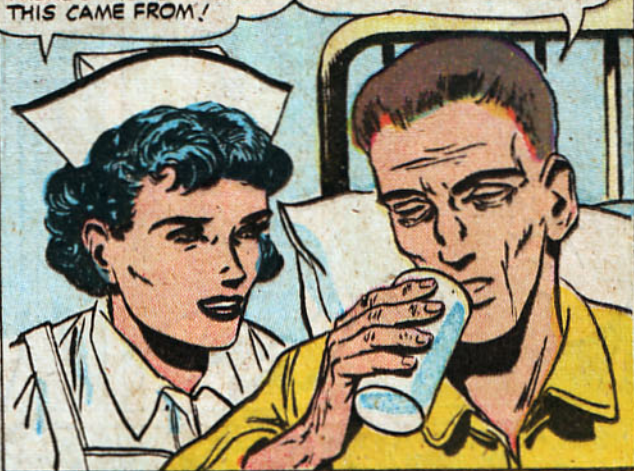
LIKE I'M STILL OUT THERE!
LIKE IT WILL NEVER STOP MOVING UP AND DOWN! THE BED, THE LIFE RAFT... SAME THING... GOES UP, COMES DOWN!



WHILE DOWN THE HALL, IN THE WARD...

DON'T GULP IT, SOLDIER! THERE'S MORE WHERE THIS CAME FROM!

THERE CAN'T BE! THERE CAN'T EVER BE ENOUGH!



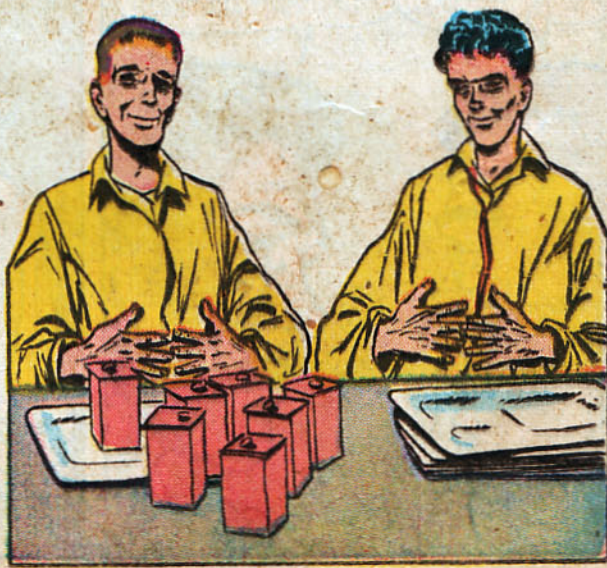
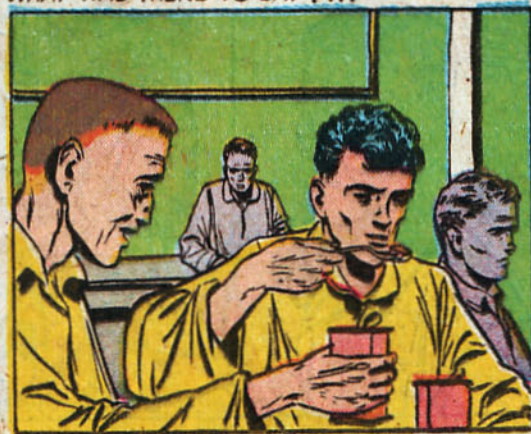
FINALLY, THE FIRST DAY UP...

WE'RE NOT VERY FANCY HERE, LIEUTENANT! ONE MESS HALL, AND EVERYONE EATS THERE! WE HAVEN'T TIME OR SPACE FOR RANK!

WHO'S PULLING IT? I'LL EAT WITH THE TRAINED SEALS, IF YOU'LL KEEP THROWIN' US FISH! LET'S GO!



TWO MEN IN THE MESS HALL, DAVE AND PAUL, AND AFTER WHAT THEY HAD BEEN THROUGH, WHAT WAS THERE TO SAY?...



YOU LOOK LIKE YOU HAD IT SORT OF ROUGH, TOO, SOLDIER! WHERE YOU FROM?

MICHIGAN!

MICHIGAN? ME, TOO! WHERE 'BOUTS?

SMALL TOWN! PROBABLY NEVER HEARD OF IT! SIMPSONVILLE!

NEVER HEARD OF IT? SIMPSONVILLE'S MY TOWN!

YOU'RE KIDDIN'!!

I GUESS I OUGHTA KNOW WHERE I WAS BORN! WHAT STREET YOU LIVE ON?

ECKERSON AVENUE!

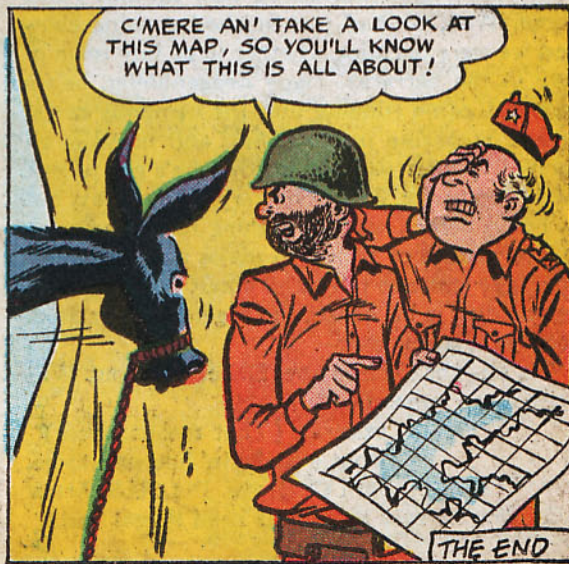
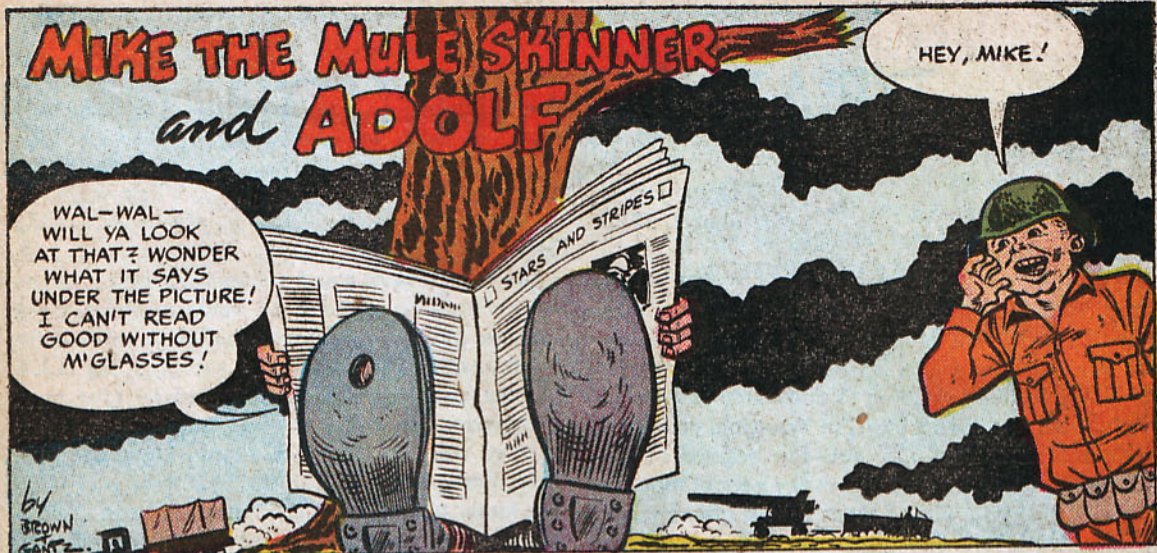
BUT THAT'S MY STREET! IT'S ONLY FOUR BLOCKS LONG SO I GOTTA KNOW YOU—AND—I—I DON'T! EVER HEAR OF THE RYANS? THE DAVID RYANS?

MRS. RYAN'S MY MOM!

SHE IS!—SHE'S MY MOM, TOO...

The END

MIKE THE MULE SKINNER and ADOLF



DEAR GERTRUDE

Tokyo, Japan
October 1, 1955

Tokyo, Japan
October 2, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

Remember some months back I wrote you a letter and was a little worried about what I was going to do when I got out of the army? Well, I'm not worried any more, 'cause now I know what I'm going to do—I'm going to make lots of money. Now, this may sound like I'm boasting, or something like that, but I'm not—I'm serious about this, and I am sure that I will make a lot of money. Before I tell you what I want to tell you, I want to ask you a few questions: Do you know how much money E (I think it stands for Edward) Hemingway makes? And do you know how much that great French writer, George Bernard Shaw, made in his life? Boy, kid! They made plenty! Well, that's what I'm going to do—I'm going to be a writer.

Now, I want you to do me a favor. As you know, or maybe you don't, a writer has got to have certain tools to work with. Now, for your information, by tools I don't mean hammers, saws, drills, etc., but books. And that's what I want you to do for me—get me books, I mean. First off, I'm going to need a dictionary. Wasserman's Book Shop has a couple of them. Get me the heaviest one, I think it weighs 16 pounds, and it's got to be written by a guy named Webster. Not Egghead Webster, who lives on Spruce Street, why he can't even write his name, let alone write such a powerful good book like the dictionary.

I'll bet you're wondering how all this came about. Well, we had just finished evening chow and we were deciding whether to go into town or stay in the barracks. Ziggy Zeggenhoffer, he's a corporal, came running into the company street with a magazine in his hands, and he yells all excited like for us to hear what he's got to say. Well, ordinarily, Ziggy has very little to say, but as I said before, we had nothing to do and were in the middle of trying to make up our minds. So, Ziggy starts to tell us all about this magazine he's holding in his hands, and it gets us all excited, because it seems that—

Oh, oh—got to close now, Babe, lights out. Will write more tomorrow.

xxxxxxx (That means kisses)
Your ever-lovin' husband-to-be,
Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U.S. Army

P.S.: Don't forget the dict. I need it real bad.

Dear Gertrude,

Let's see, where was I yesterday when I had to stop writing on account of lights out? Let's see now, oh, yeah, Ziggy Zeggenhoffer came in with this magazine that is running a contest for G.I.'s. All you have to do is write an essay (for your information, an essay is something like a play) on why you like the U.S. Army. Now, get this, Babe, first prize is \$10,000!! That's for me! Now you know why I need that dictionary in such a powerful hurry. Please send it the fastest way you can.

I'm going to close off now, Honey, got to start writing my essay. I'll have to leave blanks for all the words I can't spell and fill them in when I get the dictionary. Please, please send it fast, and remember, make sure it's the one written by Webster.

xxxxxxx (That means kisses)
Your ever-lovin' husband-to-be,
Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U.S. Army

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Tokyo, Japan
October 10, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

The reason I didn't write all this time was because I wanted to receive the dictionary and to thank you for it. Well, I received the dictionary, Babe, and I must tell you that you sent me the wrong one. Sure, I know it weighs 16 pounds, and that it is written by Webster, just like I asked you to buy for me, but I made a mistake in listening to Orville Cot, because he told me to get only the one by Webster. I shouldn't have listened to him, because this guy Webster just can't spell. Now, this may sound a little funny to you, but I mean it, Gertrude, the guy (Webster) shouldn't be allowed near a typewriter. Let me give you some for instances: I wanted to look up how you spell the word for a "head" doctor, you know, the guy with the couch. Well, I looked and looked and I'll be darned if I was able to find the word "sykiatrist." I was real mad, Babe — but when I thought about it, it dawned on me that maybe this guy Webster never had to use a sykiatrist. Then I looked for the word "fizeek," for your information, this word means what a guy looks like. Well, you guessed it, Babe, I didn't find that word at all in that big pile of junk you sent me.

Now, don't get me wrong, it isn't your fault, it's Webster's fault. There are 2,020 pages in that book and they aren't worth a plugged nickel, let alone the 15 smackers you paid for it, not counting shipping charges and all that. So I made up my mind that I am going to send it back to you and go it alone. I will be a writer without Mr. Webster's help, and I guess it was probably done before, especially by Eddie Hemingway and Monsieur Shaw.

Well, kiddo, looks like I've got to hang up now (I'm not really hanging up, this is just an expression we writers use). I will send you, in my next letter, a copy of the essay that is going to win first prize—namely mine.

xxxxxxx (That means kisses)
Your ever-loving husband-to-be,
Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U.S. Army

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Tokyo, Japan
October 11, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

Well, I always keep my promises, and here, Babe, is the great essay that I wrote that will win me the \$10,000 first prize. Now, listen careful like, because here it is:

WHY I LIKE THE U.S. ARMY

by Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U.S. Army

Before I went to the Army (U.S. Army) I used to sit around the house all day and my mom would say to me, Sam, she would say, why don't you go out and look for work, and I said to her, Mom, I am tired of looking for a job, I am going into the Army (U.S. Army), and Mom said, okay, Sam. So I went into the Army (U.S.) and right off they gave us uniforms, if you want to call it that. Boy! They were really some awful looking things, but I was happy. So we lined up for the sergeant and he said what a bunch of sad sacks and I said to him, why, thank you, Mr. Sergeant. You see, I didn't know then what sad sacks meant, and I sure wouldn't thank any sergeant now if he called me a sad sack, no, sir, in fact just the other day I didn't thank my sergeant, and he called me something a little worse than a sad sack. Anyway, I like the food you get in the Army (U.S.). Now, I heard a lot of guys complain about the food in the U.S. Army. Especially chipped beef on toast, but believe me, that is my favorite dish. I can eat that all day. All in all I like the U.S. Army a whole lot, because the main thing it has taught me is a trade. Before I went in I didn't know how to do a thing, but now I know how to pick up butts and now I will be a big writer like Eddie Hemingway and Monsieur George Bernard Shaw. Send the \$10,000 fast because I want to

get married to a wonderful girl.

The End

Well, Honey, how do you like it? Isn't it a Corker? I can't lose, Babe, so throw away that five-and-dime ring I got you and we will go to a place like Tiffany and get you a real big rock. I'll go as high as \$250 for a real big diamond for you, Honey, because I'm a sport, and you know it.

I'm going to close now, Gertrude, because I want to run out and mail this thing. I will let you know as soon as I win.

xxxxxxx (That means kisses)
Your ever-loving husband-to-be,
Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U.S. Army

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Tokyo, Japan
October 21, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

I am very disappointed, Gertrude. I heard from the magazine, and they said they didn't like my essay. Also, that Zeggenhoffer guy had the wrong magazine. Sure this magazine ran a contest on "Why I Like the U.S. Army," but the contest ran in 1944 not 1955. Anyway, that's not what's important. I am very hurt because the magazine said they never read a sillier thing in all their experience. Now, you and I know full well that that is a very stupid statement to make, because this was the finest piece of writing I have ever read, and I don't say that just because I wrote it. As I said before, I am more disappointed than somewhat, and I am going to close for now. Will write soon.

xxxxxxx (That means kisses)
Your ever-loving husband-to-be,
Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U.S. Army

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Tokyo, Japan
October 22, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

I told you I was the greatest writer around today, Babe. I may even go so far as to say that I am just as good as, if not better than, Eddie H and Monsieur S. I knew that magazine made a big mistake when they told me they didn't like my essay, and now they must have fired the guy who sent me the letter, because I just got a letter signed by the publisher of the mag. In it he says that he wants me to write a new story for his magazine. He says he can't pay me \$10,000, but will pay 1/4¢ a word (that adds up to real money, Babe). You see, he's got a "Do-It-Yourself" Magazine, and wants me to write a story on "How to Pick Up Butts."

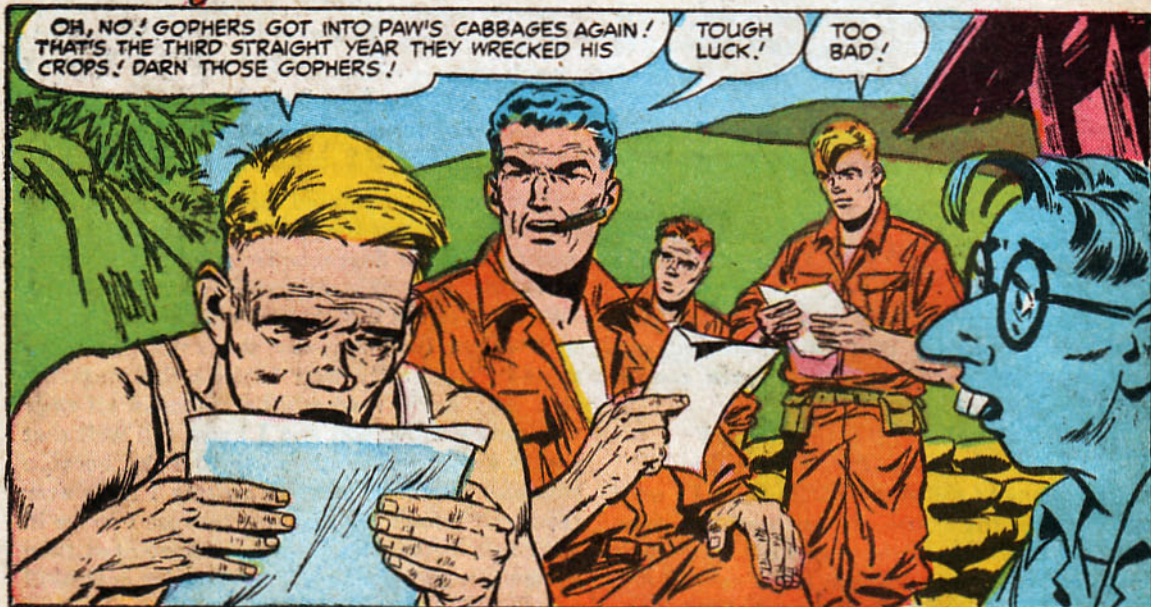
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G.I. Joe

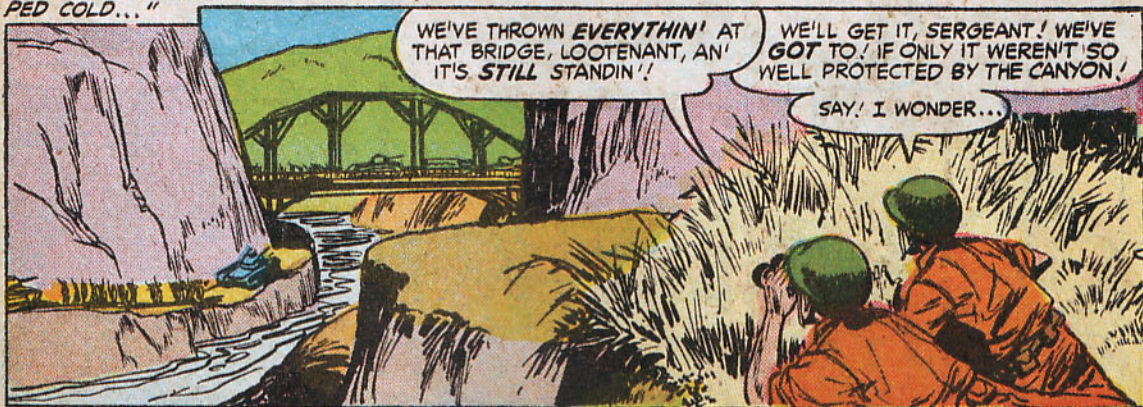
in

A Gopher Named Smith

IT IS NOON, SOMEWHERE IN KOREA, AND THE MEN OF "BAKER" COMPANY INDULGE IN THEIR FAVORITE PASTIME—MAIL FROM HOME. FOR MOST OF THEM THERE IS COMFORTING NEWS IN THE VARIOUS PEN SCRAWLS, BUT THEN AGAIN, FOR OTHERS...



"[I]T ALL HAPPENED IN THE MIDDLE OF A BIG COUNTER-ATTACK THAT WE WAGED. WE WERE DRIVING THE REDS NORTHWARD AT A STEADY CLIP, UNTIL WE HIT THE RE-SING BRIDGE—AN' THERE WE WERE STOPPED COLD..."



WE'VE THROWN **EVERYTHIN'** AT THAT BRIDGE, LOOTENANT, AN' IT'S **STILL** STANDIN'!

WE'LL GET IT, SERGEANT! WE'VE GOT TO! IF ONLY IT WEREN'T SO WELL PROTECTED BY THE CANYON!

SAY! I WONDER...

Y'GOT AN IDEA, LOOTENANT?

POSSIBLY! KEEP YOUR GLASSES ON THAT BRIDGE, SERGEANT! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK...

"[I] DID JUST AS THE LOOTENANT SAID, AND THEN, A FEW MINUTES LATER..."

HUH? ... SAY! WHAT'S TH' IDEA CREEPIN' UP ON ME LIKE THAT?

DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE YA NONE, SARGE! NAME'S LEM SMITH—BUT FER SOME REASON EVERYBODY CALLS ME "GOPHER."



YEAH! I WONDER WHY THEY DO!

WHAT'RE YA DOIN' UP HERE!

ENGINEERS SENT ME UP, SARGE! I'M A FIRST-RATE DETONATION MAN! GONNA BLOW UP TH' RE-SING BRIDGE FER YA!



THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! EVERY COMMIE IN KOREA'S PROTECTIN' RE-SING! IT'D BE **SOO-ICIDE!**

RECKON SO—FER **AMATEURS!** TELL YA TH' TRUTH, SARGE, I WASN'T REALLY HANKERIN' AFTER THIS JOB! TOO EASY! FIGURED IT MIGHT RUIN MY PROFESSIONAL STANDIN'!



TOO EASY?
WHY, YA
BUCK-TOOTHED...

HEY, SARGE!
THE LOOTE-
NANT WANTS
YOU! ON THE
DOUBLE!



OKAY, BURCH! GET A
COUPLE O' GUYS AN'
MOVE THAT PORTABLE
GENERATOR BACK TO CAMP!
AN' WATCH IT! IT'S HEAVY...



SHUCKS, SARGE—THIS AIN'T NO
HEAVIER THAN MY ANVIL BACK HOME!
WHERE YA WANT IT?

THE GUY
AIN'T HUMAN!



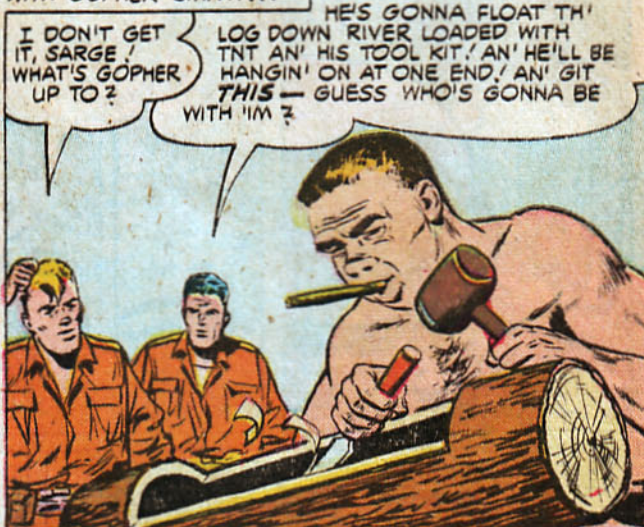
"STILL STUNNED, I ARRIVED A FEW MINUTES
LATER IN LT. PARKER'S TENT. HE GAVE ME
OUR ORDERS, AND..."



WHAT'S EATIN' HQ,
LOOTENANT? THAT'S
LIKE TELLIN' A GUY
TO STICK A .45 IN
HIS MOUTH AN' PULL
TH' TRIGGER!

DON'T ASK QUES-
TIONS, SERGEANT—
HERE ARE SMITH'S
ORDERS! AND TWO
MEN ARE TO GO
WITH HIM! I GUESS
YOU KNOW WHO
THAT MEANS...

"SO EARLY THE FOLLOWING MORNING THERE WE WERE
WITH GOPHER SMITH..."



I DON'T GET
IT, SARGE!
WHAT'S GOPHER
UP TO?

HE'S GONNA FLOAT TH'
LOG DOWN RIVER LOADED WITH
TNT AN' HIS TOOL KIT! AN' HE'LL BE
HANGIN' ON AT ONE END! AN' GIT
THIS— GUESS WHO'S GONNA BE
WITH 'IM?

US, SOLDIER! YOU AN' ME! YA BETTER
CHECK YER INSURANCE, JOE BOY! LOOKS LIKE
PAY-OFF DAY'S COMIN' UP!



"WELL, WE JUST WAITED AN' WAITED..."

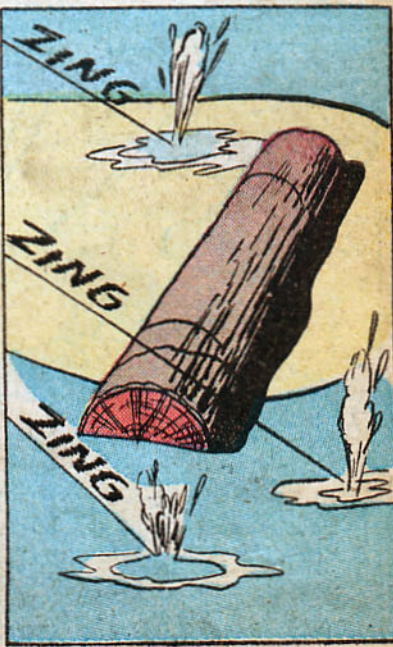


YA SWEATIN' IT OUT
TOO, BURCH?

NO, SARGE— I'M FINE!

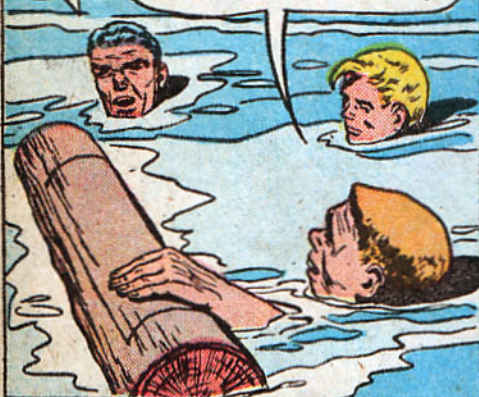
SAY, I WONDER HOW GOPHER'S
DOIN'!





TH' RATS! IF I ONLY HAD ME RIFLE!

YER LUCKY Y'GOT YER HEAD, SARGE! THIS LIL' OL' LOG'S LOADED WITH DYNAMITE—REMEMBER?



"WELL, WE GOT THROUGH THAT OKAY. FINALLY, WE WERE UNDER THE BRIDGE..."

HUM-DEE-DEE-DA-DA...!
SHORE FITS IN RIGHT PURTY! HUM-DA-DA-DA...!

IF YA DON'T QUIT MAKIN' LIKE A CANARY, YOU'LL HAVE THE WHOLE RED ARMY ON OUR NECKS!

HOW MUCH LONGER?



RECKON WE KIN BE TAKIN' OFF SOON AS AH GITS A LIGHT TO THIS FUSE!

DUM-DEE-DEE-DUM
... DUM-DUM!



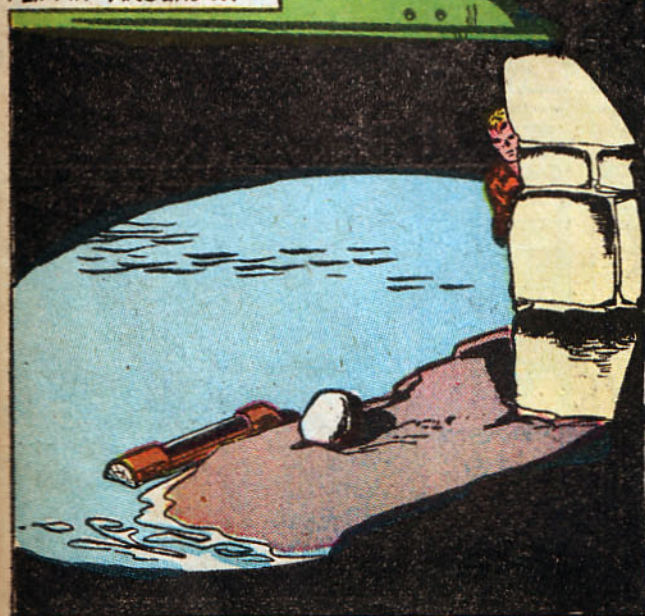
"IT WAS RUNNING AS SMOOTH AS GLASS, BUT THEN, THE 'GLASS' BROKE..."

FREEZE!

THEY'LL SPOT US NOW—FOR SURE!



"IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THE RED BEAM TO START FLIPPIN' AROUND..."



A FALLING ROCK HAS CAUSED THE NOISE!

SHUT OFF THE LIGHT!!



"WE WAITED A FEW MORE SECONDS, THEN WE SLIPPED SILENTLY INTO THE WATER..."



SWIM LIKE YA REALLY WAS A BEAVER NOW, SARGE — LESSEN Y'WANT TH' DYNAMITE T' SHOW YA HOW!

"NO SOONER DID WE SURFACE, THEN..."



"WE RESTED UP REAL GOOD, AND BY THE NEXT MORNING, WE WERE AS GOOD AS NEW..."

A MAGNIFICENT JOB! YOU MEN DESERVE THE PRAISE OF EVERY AMERICAN! I'VE WIRED HQ...

BEGGIN' YER PARDON, SIR, BUT TH' JEEP'S HERE T' PICK ME UP!



SAY! THAT GOPHER'S QUITE A GUY!

YEAH! HE GIMME HIS LAST CEE-GAR! WOULDN'T TAKE NO FER AN ANSWER!

Y'KNOW, THESE THINGS AIN'T HALF --



WHAM!

BETTER PUT IN FOR A TRANSFER, SARGE! YOU'RE A NATURAL FOR DEMOLITIONS!



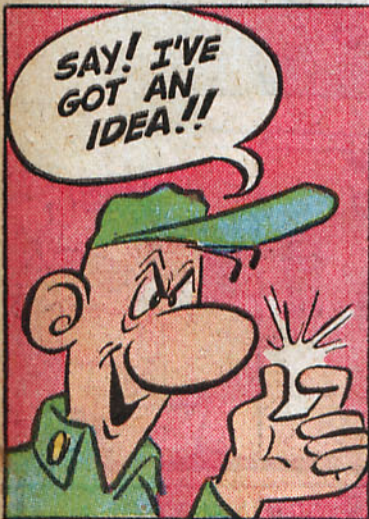
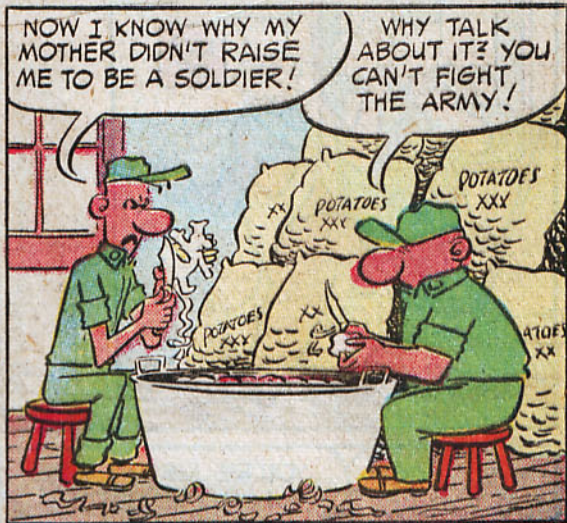
SO THAT'S THE STORY, GUYS! YEP, IF IT WASN'T FOR GOPHER SMITH, WE WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY!

SAY, NO ONE EVER DID EXPLAIN WHAT A GOPHER IS!



The End

OUR PRIVATE WAR!



ARMY CHUCKLES



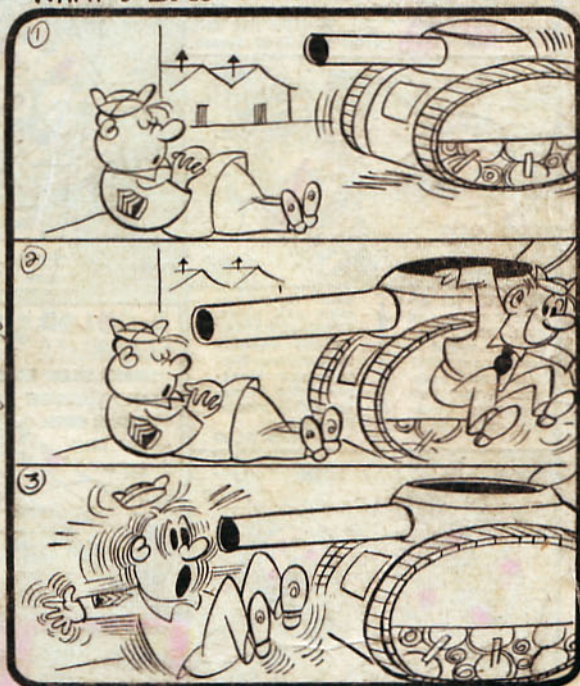
"YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO WHISTLE"



"HOW'S THE WATER, SARGE?"



"WHAT'S **BAD** TODAY?"



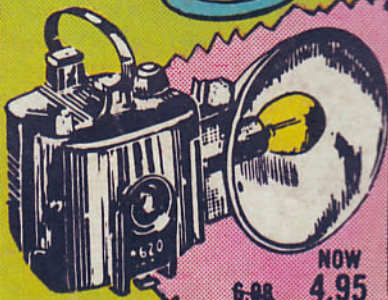
"OH BOY! SEVEN FLOUNDERS!"

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